

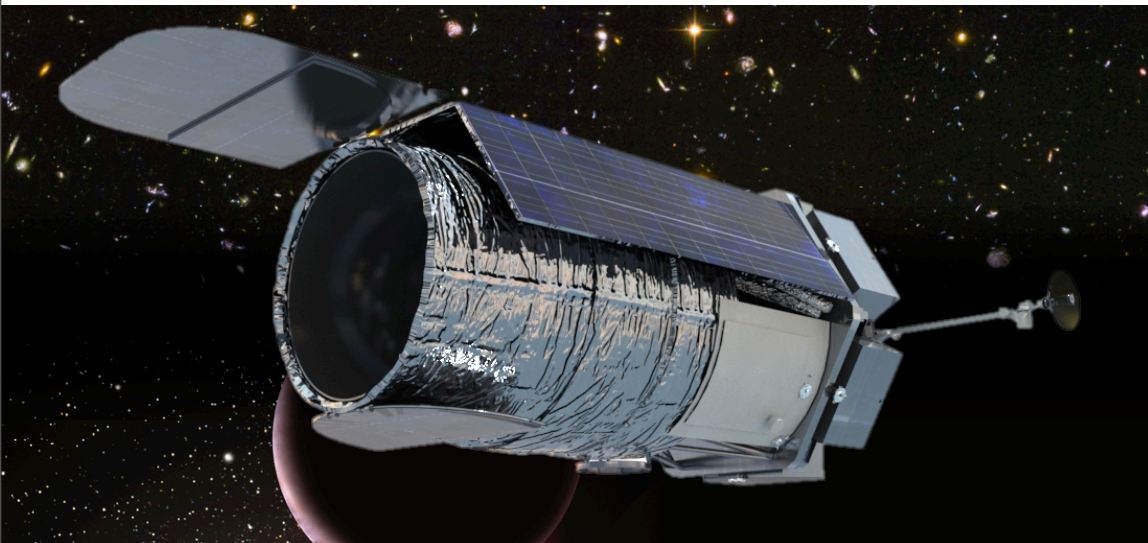
# ***Astrophysics Focused Telescope Assets (AFTA)***

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# AFTA Instruments

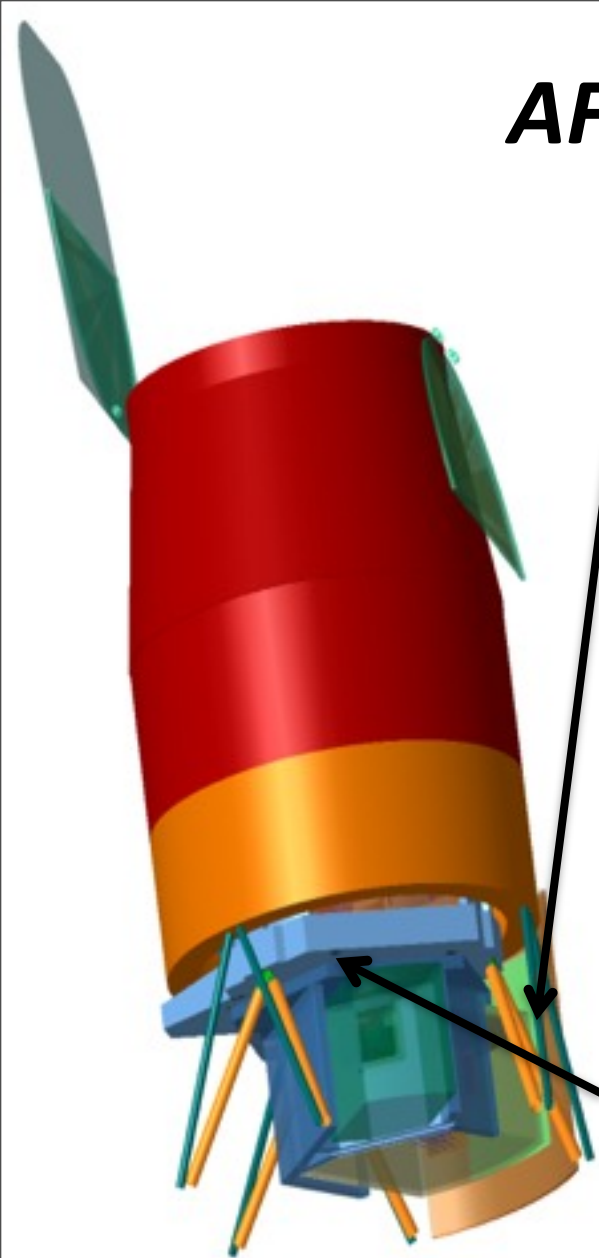
## Wide-Field Instrument

- *Imaging & spectroscopy over 1000s sq deg.*
- *Monitoring of SN and microlensing fields*
- 0.7 – 2.0 micron bandpass
- 0.28 sq deg FoV (100x JWST FoV)
- 18 H4RG detectors (288 Mpixels)
- 4 filter imaging, grism + IFU spectroscopy

## Coronagraph (compelling option)

- *Imaging of ice & gas giant exoplanets*
- *Imaging of debris disks*
- 400 – 1000 nm bandpass
- $10^{-9}$  contrast
- 100 milliarcsec inner working angle at 400 nm

***Requires focused tech. development ASAP for 2021 launch***



# Next Steps

- **Coronagraph included now as a baseline instrument**
  - Coronagraph primary architectures selected (see Kasdin talk)
  - Small IFU instrument included for multi-object slit spectroscopy
  - Project office (GSFC + JPL) active in observatory designs and technology advancement
  - SDT and project study areas:
    - \* Detailed requirements flowdown
    - \* Observatory performance relative to NWNH goals
    - \* Trades of telescope temperature and wavelength red limit
    - \* Survey strategies, accounting for LSST, JWST, Euclid, .... synergies
    - \* Microlensing strategies, accounting for ground observation synergies
    - \* Coronagraph strategies, accounting for Kepler, TESS, RV program, .... synergies
    - \* Observatory uses across astrophysics (ExoPAG, COPAG, PhysPAG)
    - \* Role of a robust GI and GO program
    - \* Options for NASA science team selection process

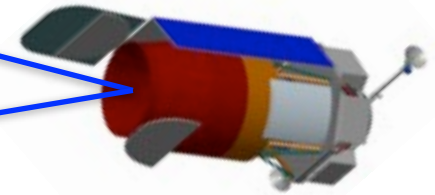
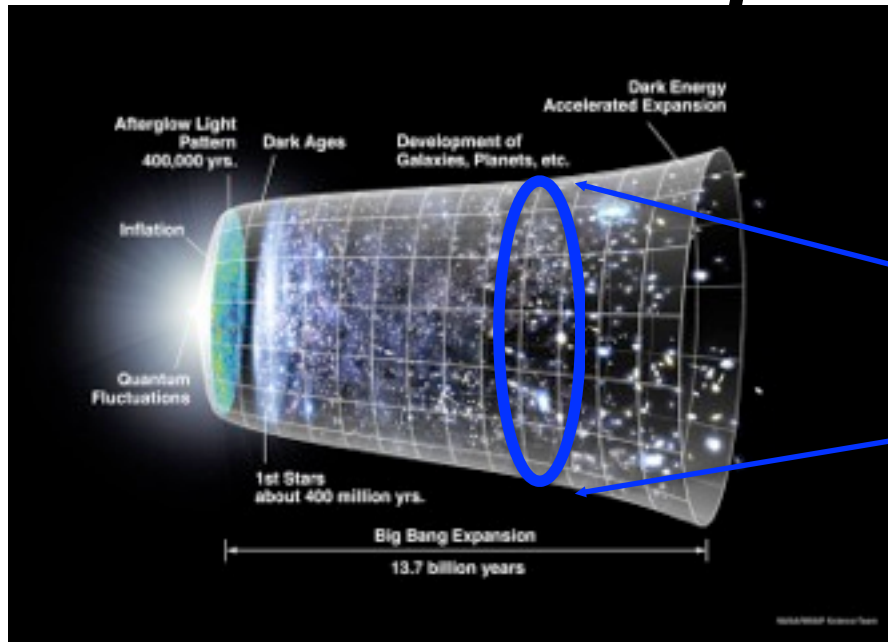
# ***AFTA is well matched to the WFIRST Requirements***

- Existing Hardware: high quality mirror and optical system
- Easily used in Three Mirror Anastigmat (TMA)
  - Wide field of view
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> mirror in Wide-Field instrument
- AFTA's 2.4 m aperture + wide field imager meets (and exceeds) WFIRST requirements:
  - Higher spatial resolution enhances science capability
  - Larger collecting area enables more science in fixed time
- AFTA's 2.4m aperture enables richer scientific return at much lower cost than a dedicated smaller coronagraphic telescope mission

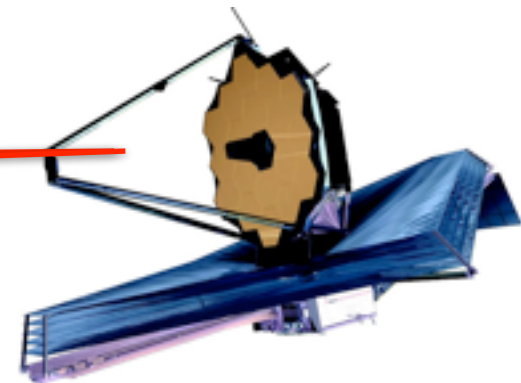
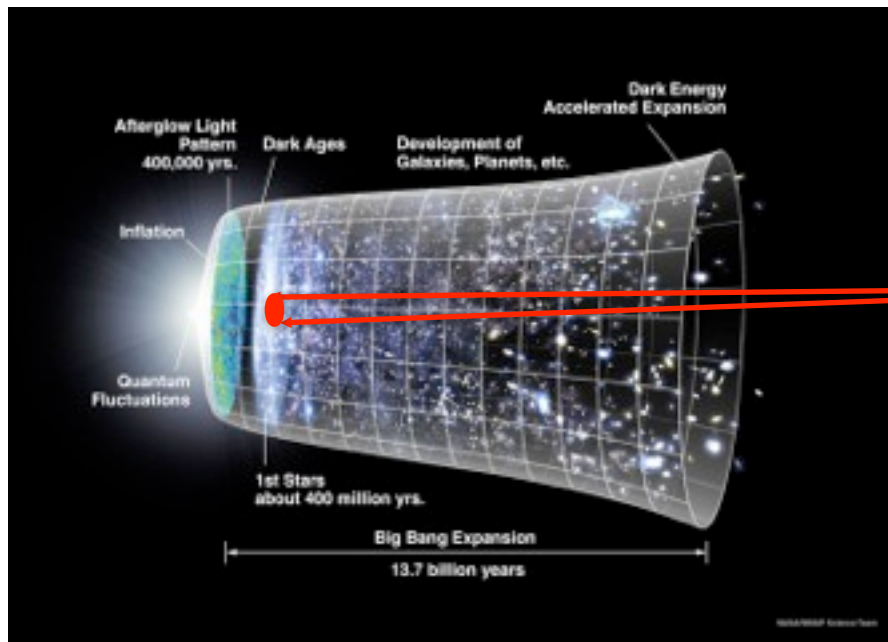
**Study concluded that these assets satisfy all mission requirements.**



# *AFTA* Complements *JWST*



***WIDE!***



***DEEP!***

# “Bright” Galaxy Survey

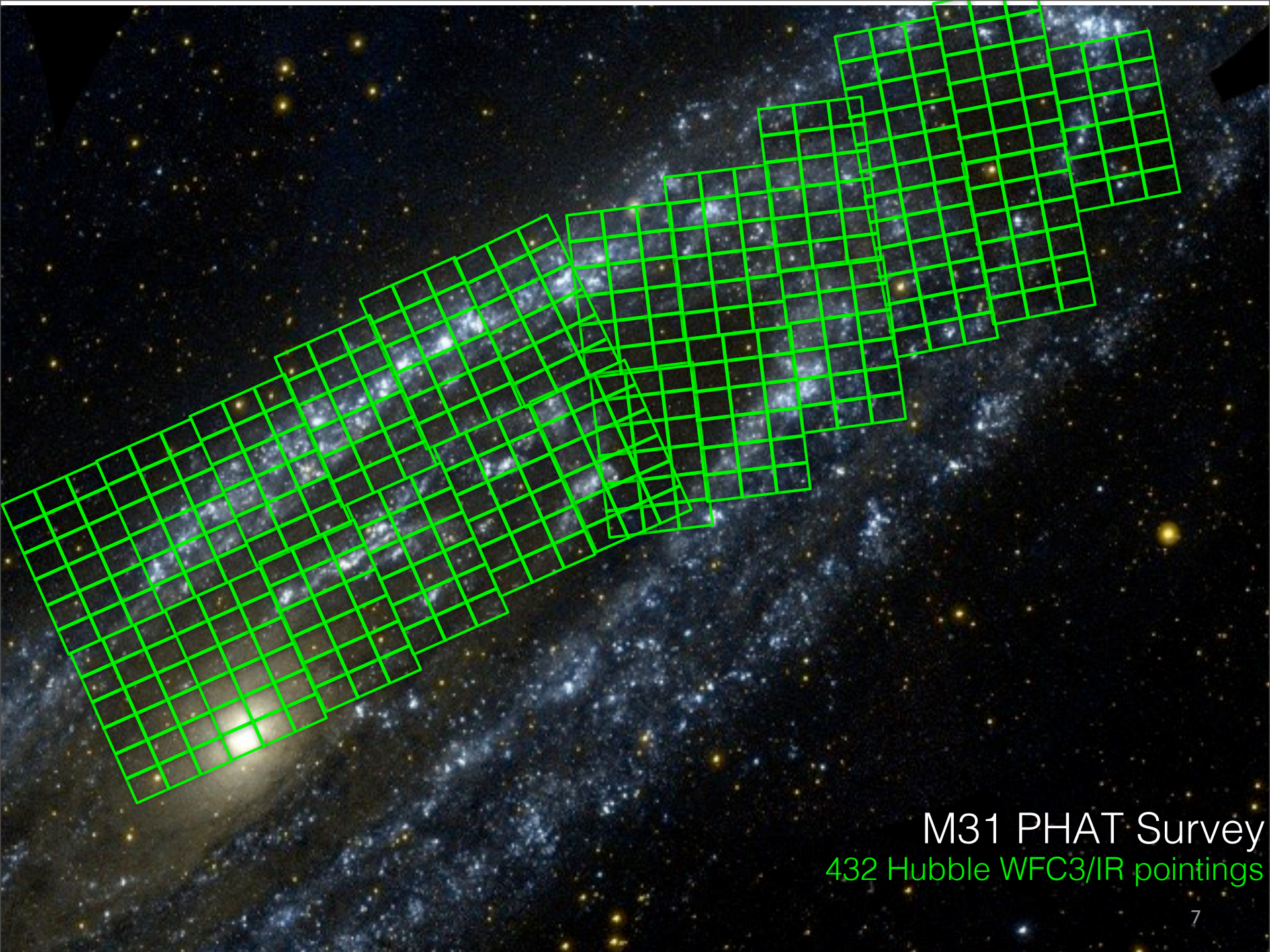
- Four Surprisingly bright (26-27 AB) galaxies at  $z \sim 9$  in HST CANDELS WFC3/IR imaging data (Oesch et al. 1309.2280, AAS 223)
- WFIRST will find  $\sim 10,000$  bright galaxies (and perhaps significant number at higher redshift)
- Important targets for JWST and large ground-based telescopes





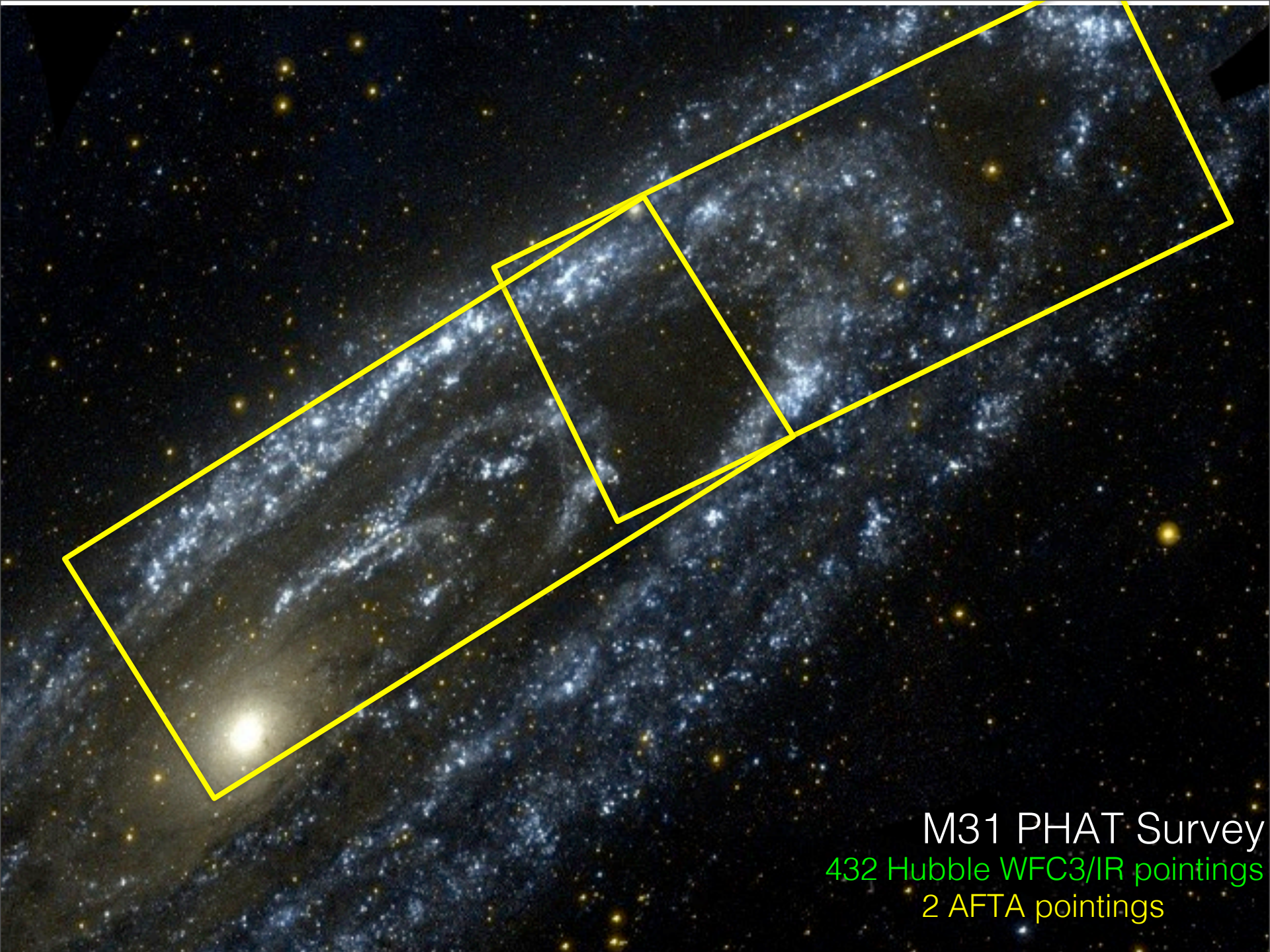
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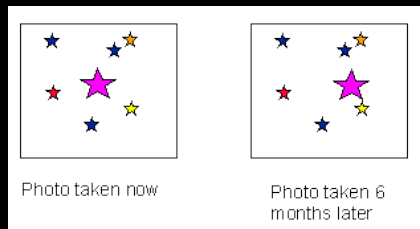
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2 AFTA pointings

# Astrometry with AFTA

- Smaller PSF (factor 2) and higher photon flux implies that AFTA can achieve the same level of photometric accuracy 9x faster than previous version of WFIRST
- Opens up a wide range of new science
  - dark matter properties through studying tidal tails, dwarf galaxies
  - exoplanet science

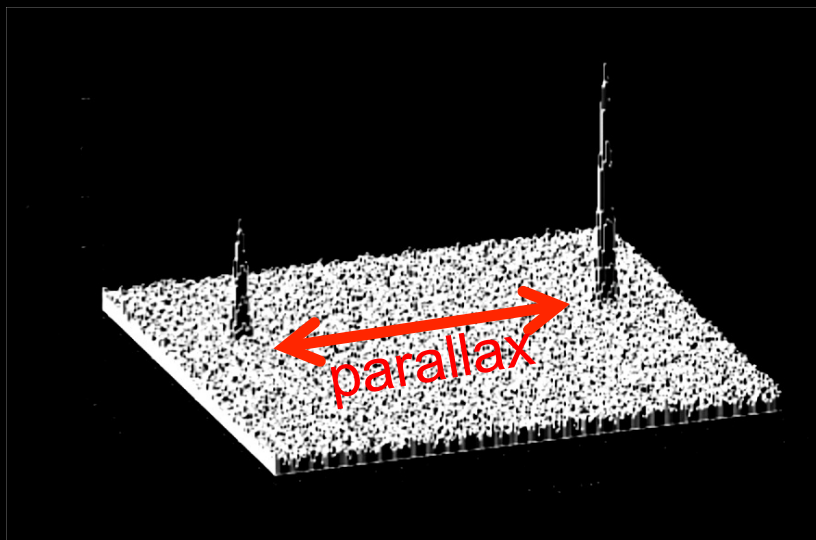
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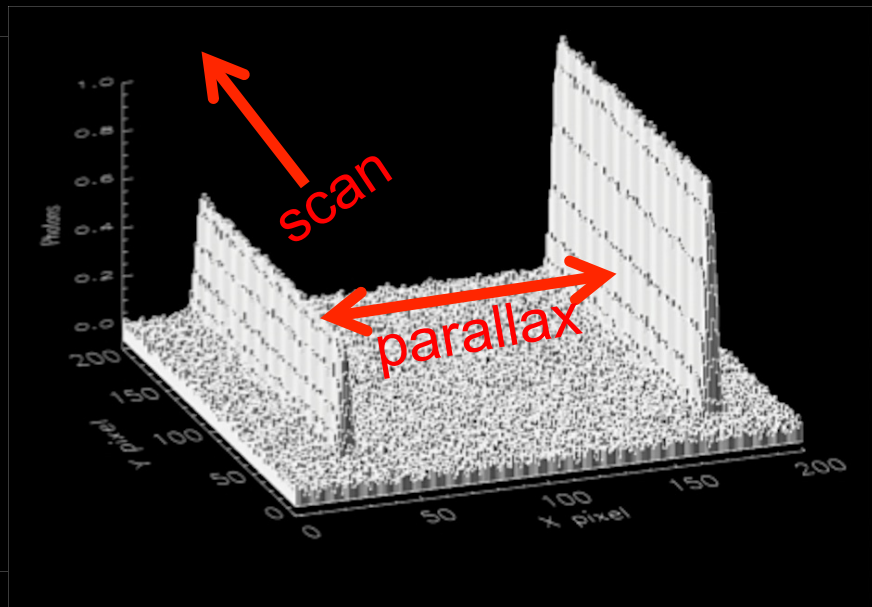


WFC3-UVIS, 0.01 pixel=400  $\mu$ as $\sim 2\sigma$  @ 2 kpc

Imaging, PSF  $\sigma_\theta = 0.01$  pix



Scanning,  $\sigma_\theta = 0.01/\sqrt{N}$  samples pix

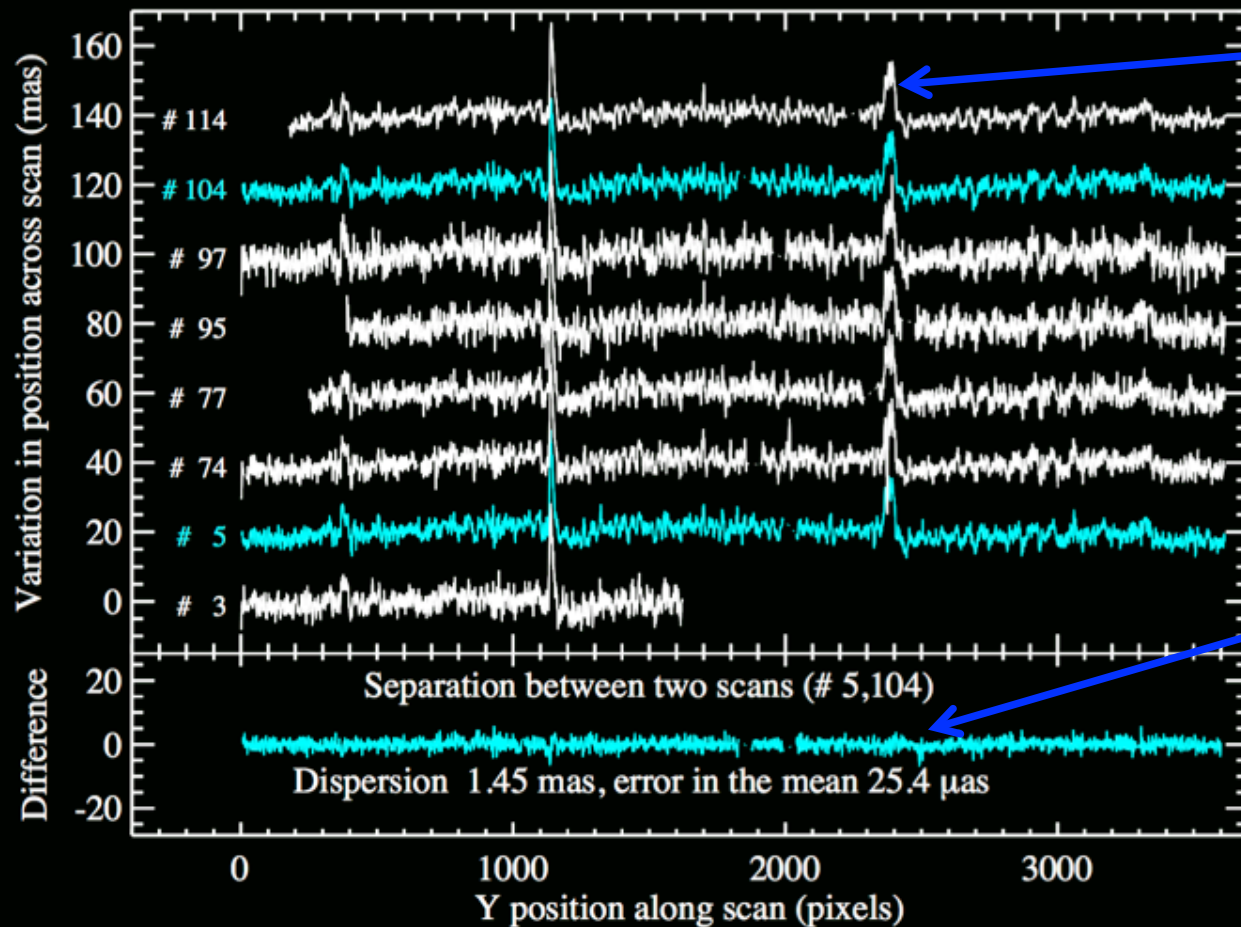




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# Two Features of Spatial Scans, Jitter and Repetition

Average all scan lines to produce “reference line”

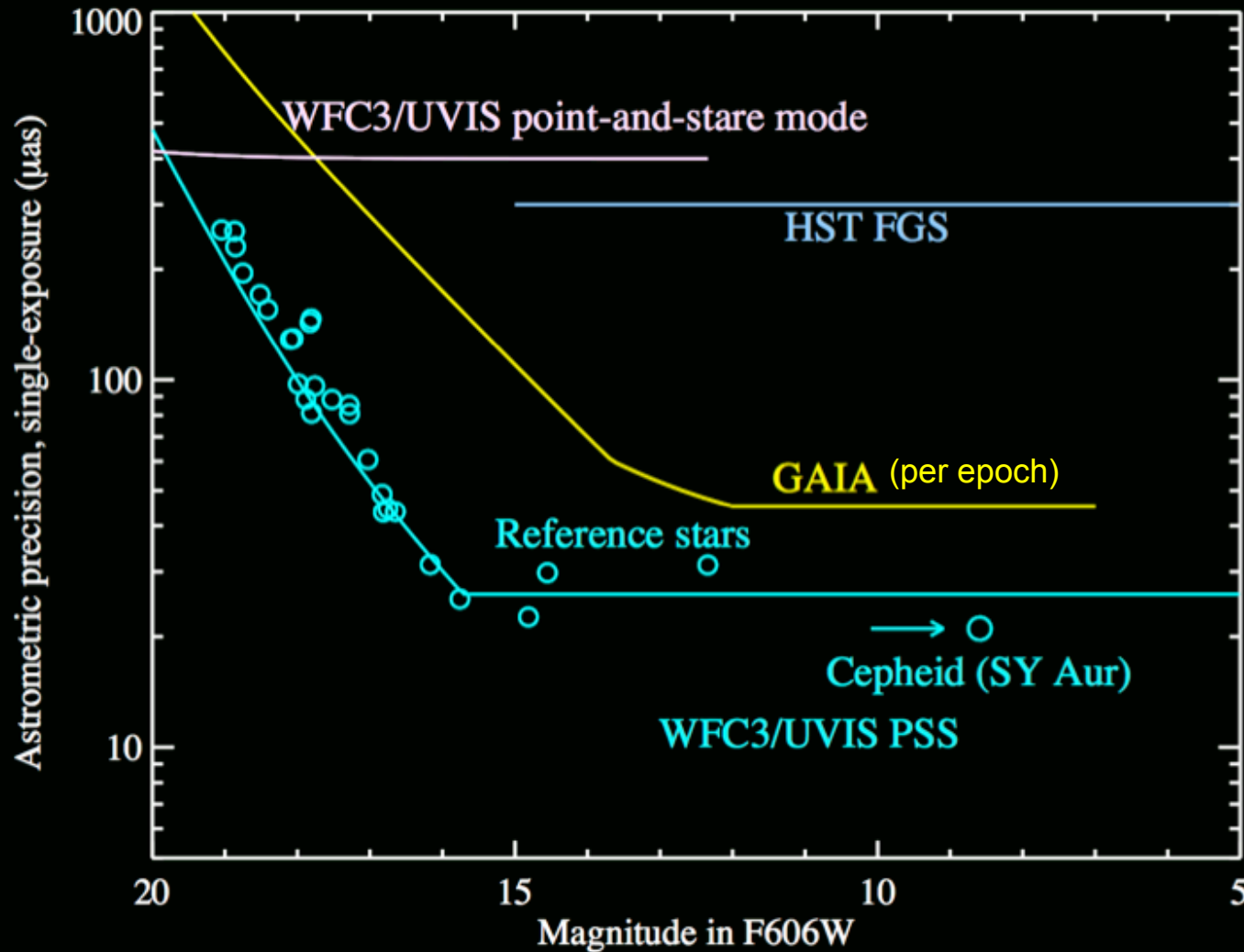


Jitter between lines  
is *coherent*,  
subtracted in line  
separations (vs time)  
*approach is doubly  
differential*

Target scanned  
over  $\sim 4000$  pix,  
improves snr by  
up to  $\sim 40$  (or 10 for  
correlated errors  
on scales of 40 pix)

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# Astrometric Precision Per Exposure



Need high snr  
*per pixel* so  
bright targets  
give best results  
(350 sec scan  
In F606W)

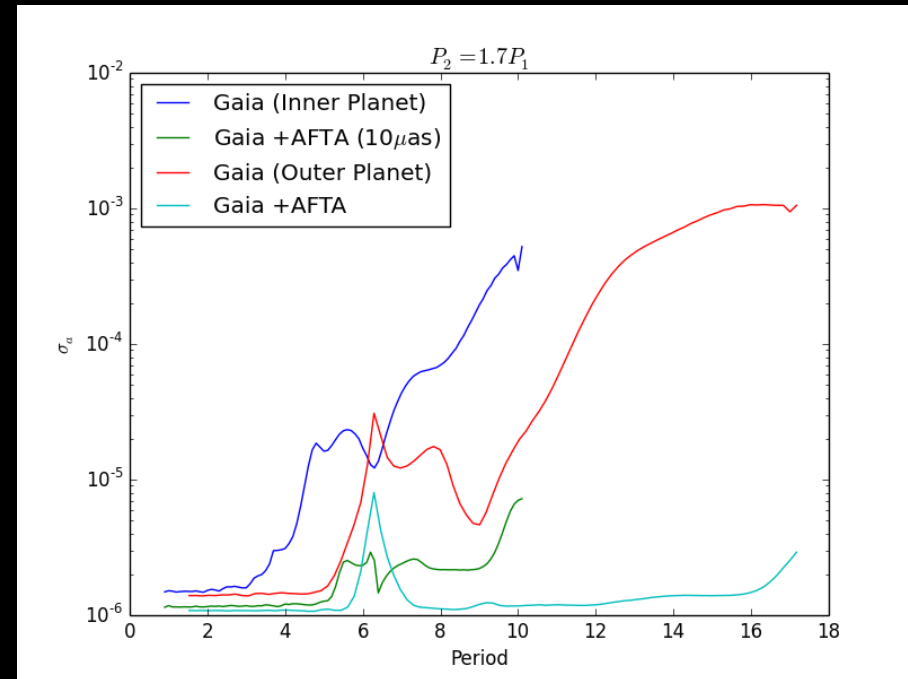
And we can measure Cepheid photometry on same system

# AFTA + Scanning Astrometry

- Bigger camera should enable improved sensitivity- scales as  $\sqrt{N_{\text{pixel}}}$
- At  $J=12$ ,  $S/N = 400$  and saturate central pixel in one second (WFC3 simulator).
- In a 3 minute integration, stars brighter than  $J = 17.5$  are saturated.
- Scan at 3 degree/minute = 1600 pixels/second
- Spreads signal over 24,000 pixels
  - Assume 5x improvement over HST's 1/2000th pixel performance or 1/50th of a pixel  $1/\sqrt{24,000}$  (7  $\mu\text{as}$ )
- Repeated 30 second integration. Achieves 10  $\mu\text{as}$  astrometry for  $J < 9$  in each integration, 50  $\mu\text{as}$  for the  $\sim 30$  stars with  $J < 13$  and 200  $\mu\text{as}$  for  $\sim 200$  stars with  $J < 18$
- Saturates for  $J = 4$  at 3 deg./min,  $J = 3$  at 10 deg/min

# Nearby K and M Star Survey

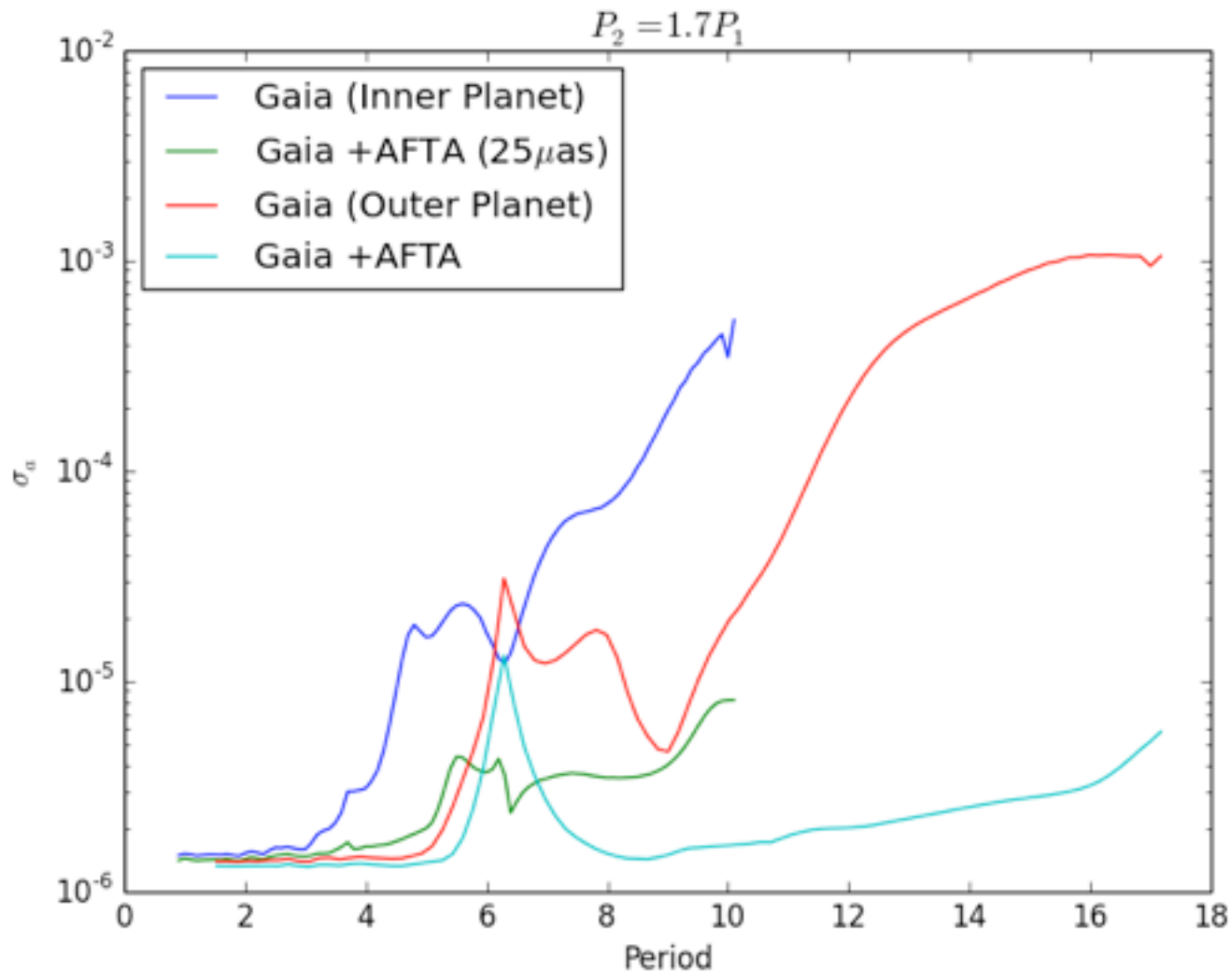
- Combine GAIA and AFTA data for  $5 < V < 12$  and  $J > 3$  stars.
- Make use of 15 year baseline!
- 119 stars (G8-M4.5)  $d < 10$  pc
- Can detect Earth mass planets around nearby stars with period less than 18 yr
- 8400 obs. x (0.5 min + overhead)



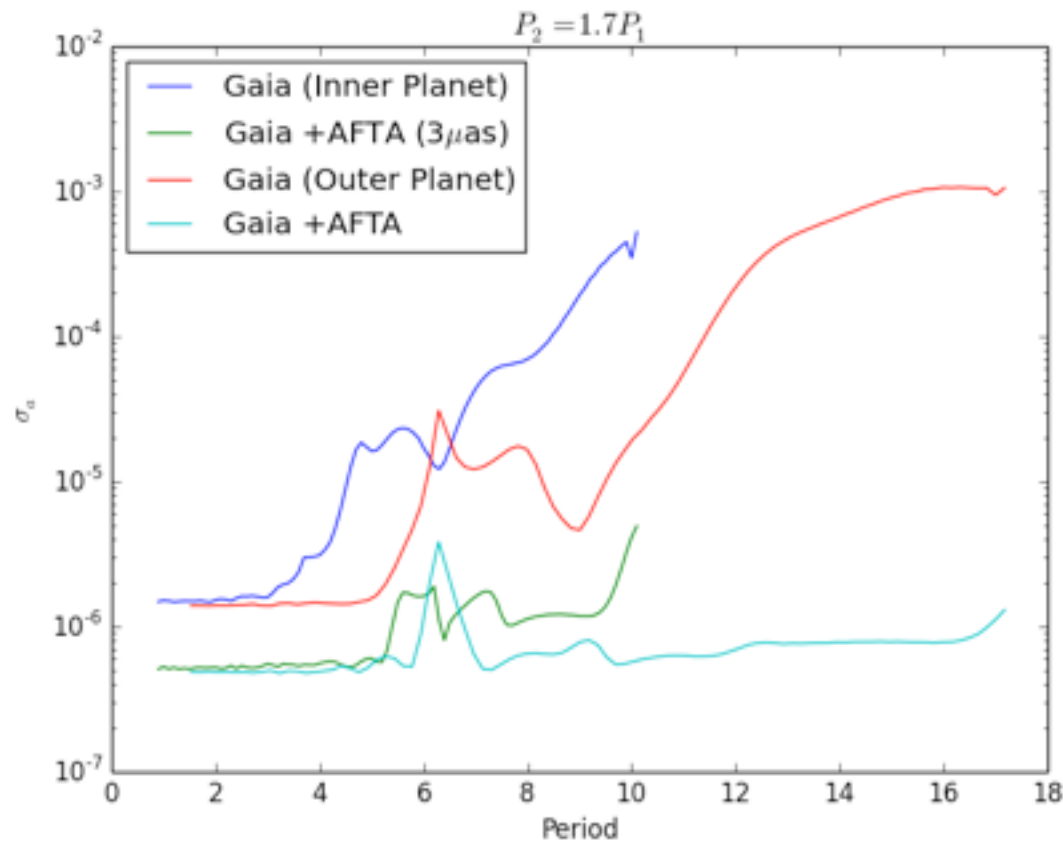
$$M_p > 3 M_{\text{Earth}} \left( \frac{d}{7 \text{ pc}} \right) \left( \frac{M_*}{0.5 M_{\odot}} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{\tau}{3 \text{ yr}} \right)^{-2/3}$$

- Estimate sensitivity based on 70 Gaia + 70 AFTA observations and Fisher matrix for 19 parameters (position, prop. motion, parallax and 2 planets x 7 parameters)

## 2x HST astrometry - 25 $\mu\text{as}$



# Optimistic Case (10 repeated slews x70 observations)



$$M_p > M_{\text{Earth}} \left( \frac{d}{7 \text{ pc}} \right) \left( \frac{M_*}{0.5 M_{\odot}} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{\tau}{3 \text{ yr}} \right)^{-2/3}$$

# Astrometry + Weak Lensing

- Augment HLS with a quick astrometric observation to tie the  $\sim 1000$  K = 17.5 - 20.5 mag stars to the GAIA grid with sub-mas astrometry. At high latitudes, there are 10 Gaia stars with positions better than  $10 \mu\text{as}$  positions and 100 stars with  $25 \mu\text{as}$  positions
- Very accurate determination of aberrations in each image. Significantly better than science requirements for imaging survey
  - Ratio of image distortion to astrometric displacement is roughly proportional to ratio of image size to FOV!



# Conclusions

- AFTA effectively achieves the decadal survey WFIRST goals and open up new science opportunities accross a broad range of astrophysics

# Backup

# House Authorization

*Sec. 312 – Extrasolar Planet Exploration Strategy.*

This section would state that the Administrator shall contract with the National Academies to develop a strategy for the study and exploration of extrasolar planets. The strategy would provide a foundation for NASA roadmaps, strategic plans, and activities related to exoplanet research and exploration.

*Sec. 314 – Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope.*

This section would state that the Administrator shall ensure that the development of the WideField Infrared Survey Telescope continue while the James Webb Space Telescope is completed.

*Sec. 315 – National Reconnaissance Office Telescope Donation*

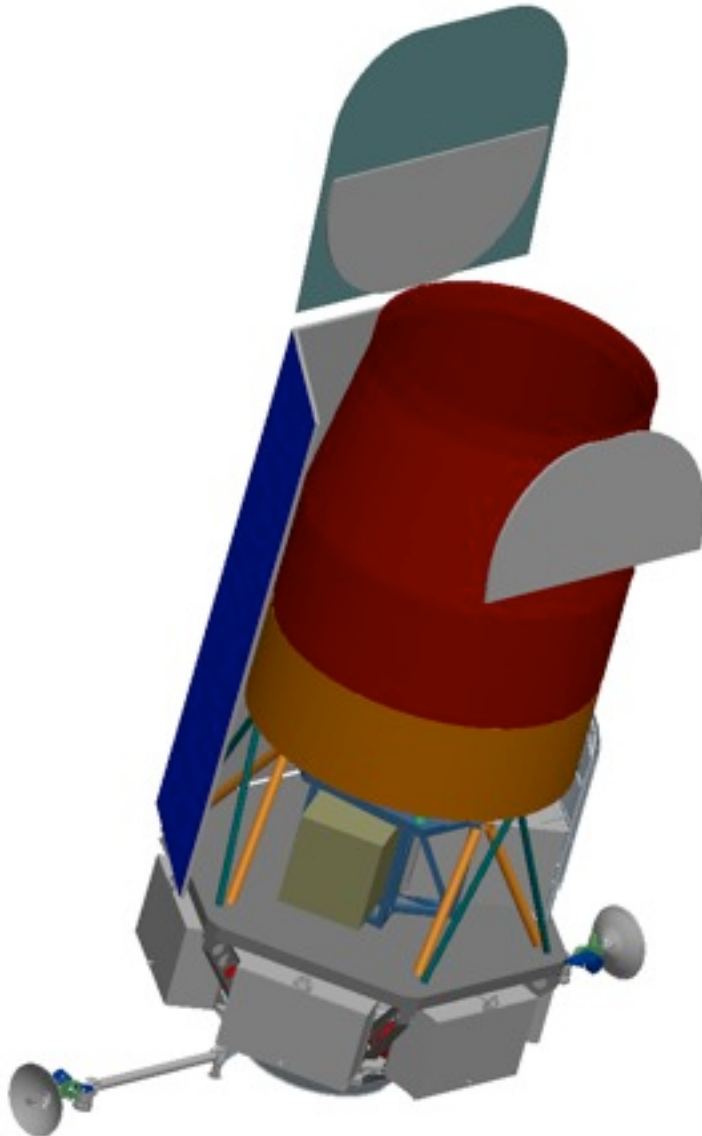
This section would require the Administrator to transmit a report to Congress outlining NASA's plan for developing the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope including an alternative plan for the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope 2.4, which includes the donated 2.4-meter aperture National Reconnaissance Office telescope. The plan shall include: an assessment of affordable approaches to develop the Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope; a comparison to the development of mission concepts that exclude the utilization of the donated asset; an assessment of how NASA's existing science missions will be affected by the utilization of the donated asset; and a description of the cost associated with storing and maintaining the donated asset.

# Senate Appropriation

*WFIRST Science Mission.*-Within the funds provided, the Committee provides \$56,000,000 for NASA to proceed with design studies, further technical risk reduction, and detailed formulation on a science mission that meets the exoplanet and dark energy science objectives of WFIRST. This recommendation corresponds with findings from NASA's May 23, 2013, report on Astrophysics Focused Telescope Assets, and should build upon the Agency's work with

# AFTA Observatory Concept

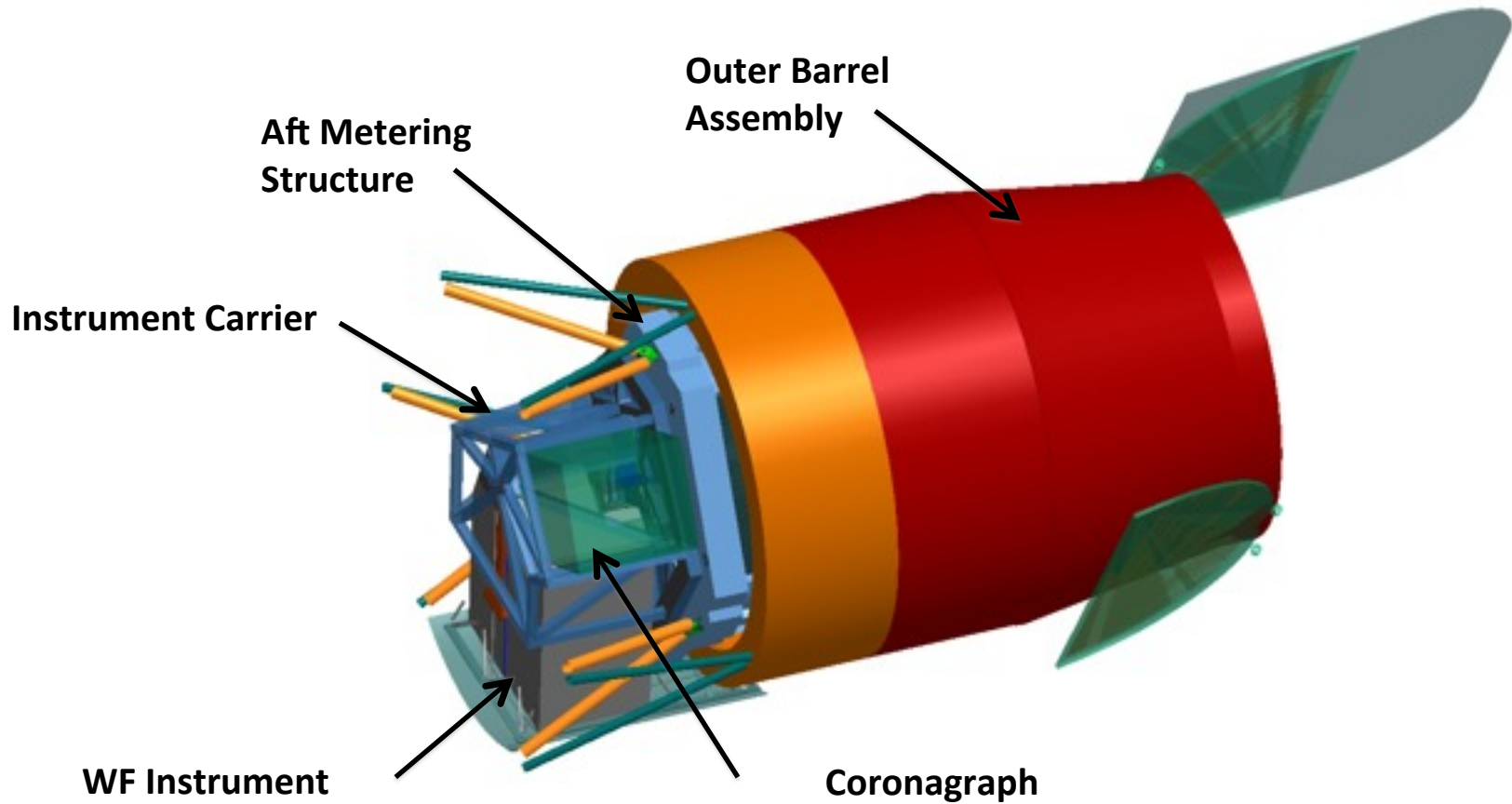
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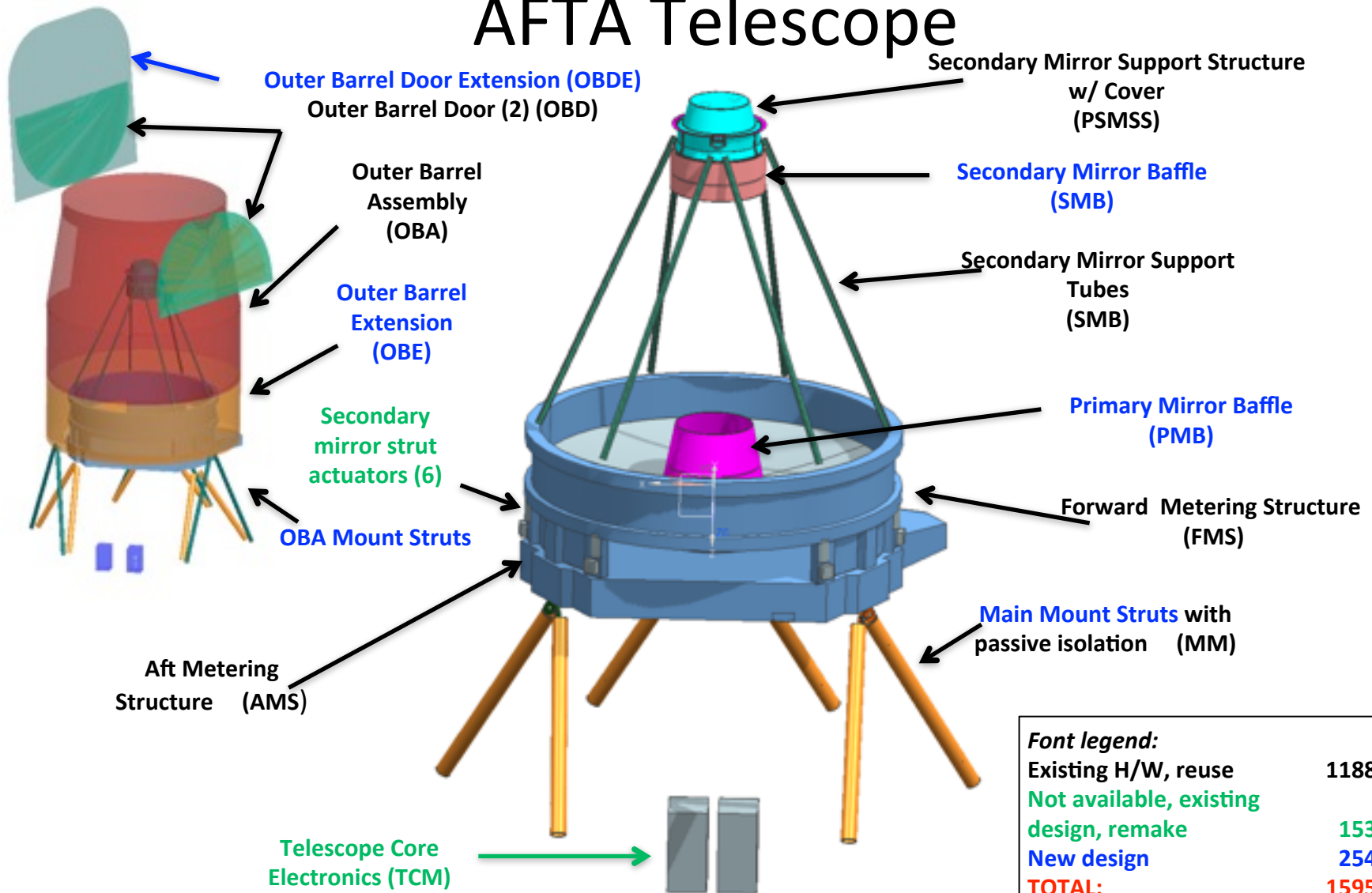
## Key Features

- Telescope – 2.4m aperture primary
- Instrument – Single channel widefield instrument, 18 HgCdTe detectors; integral field unit spectrometer incorporated in widefield for SNe observing
- Overall Mass – ~6850 kg with components assembled in modules; (~3100 kg fuel)
- Primary Structure – Graphite Epoxy
- Downlink Rate – Continuous 150 mbps Ka-band to Ground Station
- Thermal – passive radiator
- Power – 2800 W
- GN&C – reaction wheels & thruster unloading
- Propulsion – bipropellant
- GEO orbit
- Launch Vehicle – AtlasV 541

# AFTA Payload Design Concept



# AFTA Telescope



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Existing H/W, reuse	1188 kg
Not available, existing design, remake	153 kg
New design	254 kg
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1595 kg</b>

100% of the existing telescope hardware is being re-used. Minor PM & SM refigure. Actuators, electronics and baffles not available and must be replaced.



# Widefield Instrument Layout

- Single widefield channel instrument
- 3 mirrors, 1 powered
- 18 4K x 4K HgCdTe detectors
- 0.11 arc-sec plate scale
- IFU for SNe spectra, single HgCdTe detector
- Single filter wheel
- Grism used for GRS survey
- Thermal control – passive radiator

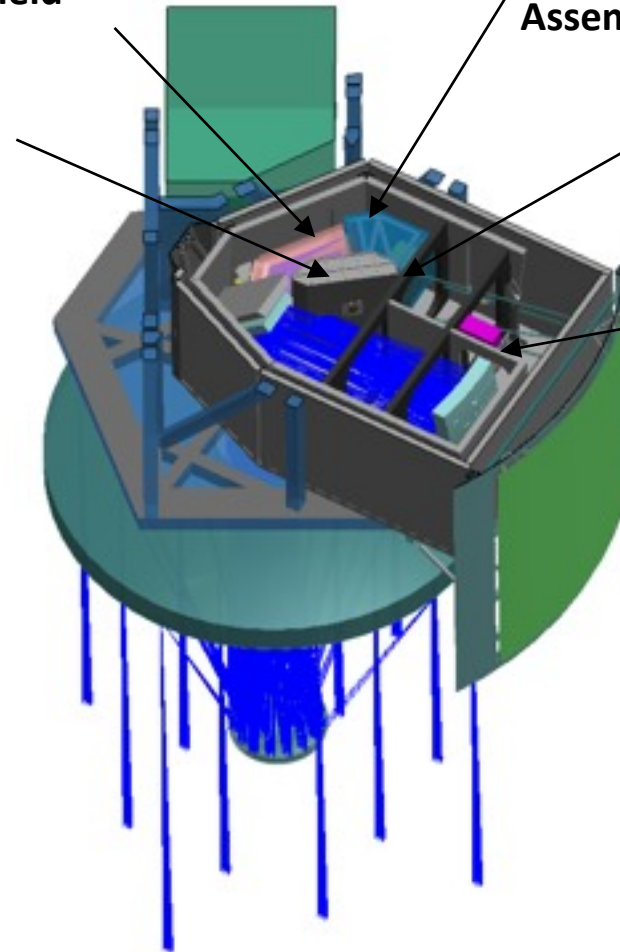
Cold Optics  
Radiation Shield

Element  
Wheel

Focal Plane  
Assembly

Cold  
Electronics

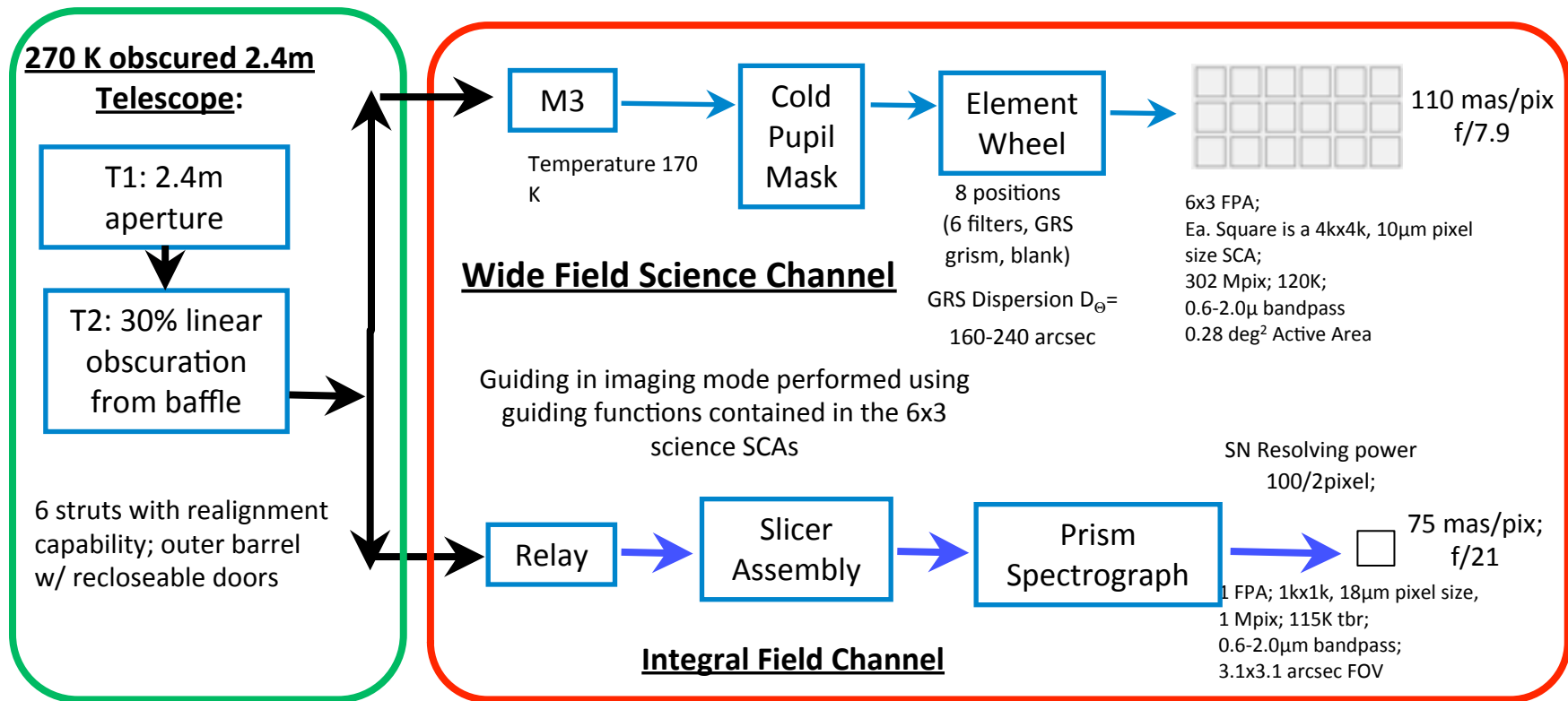
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# AFTA Payload Block Diagram

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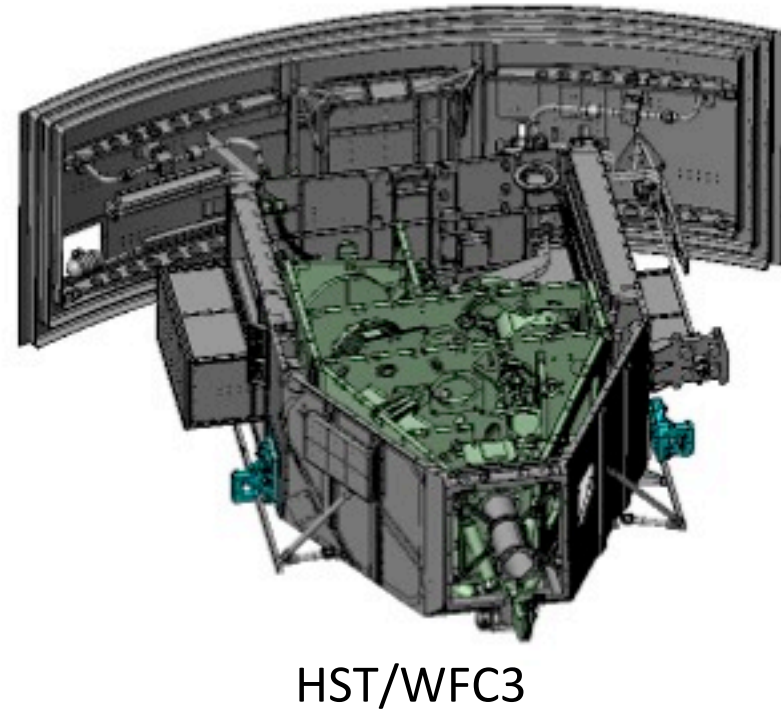
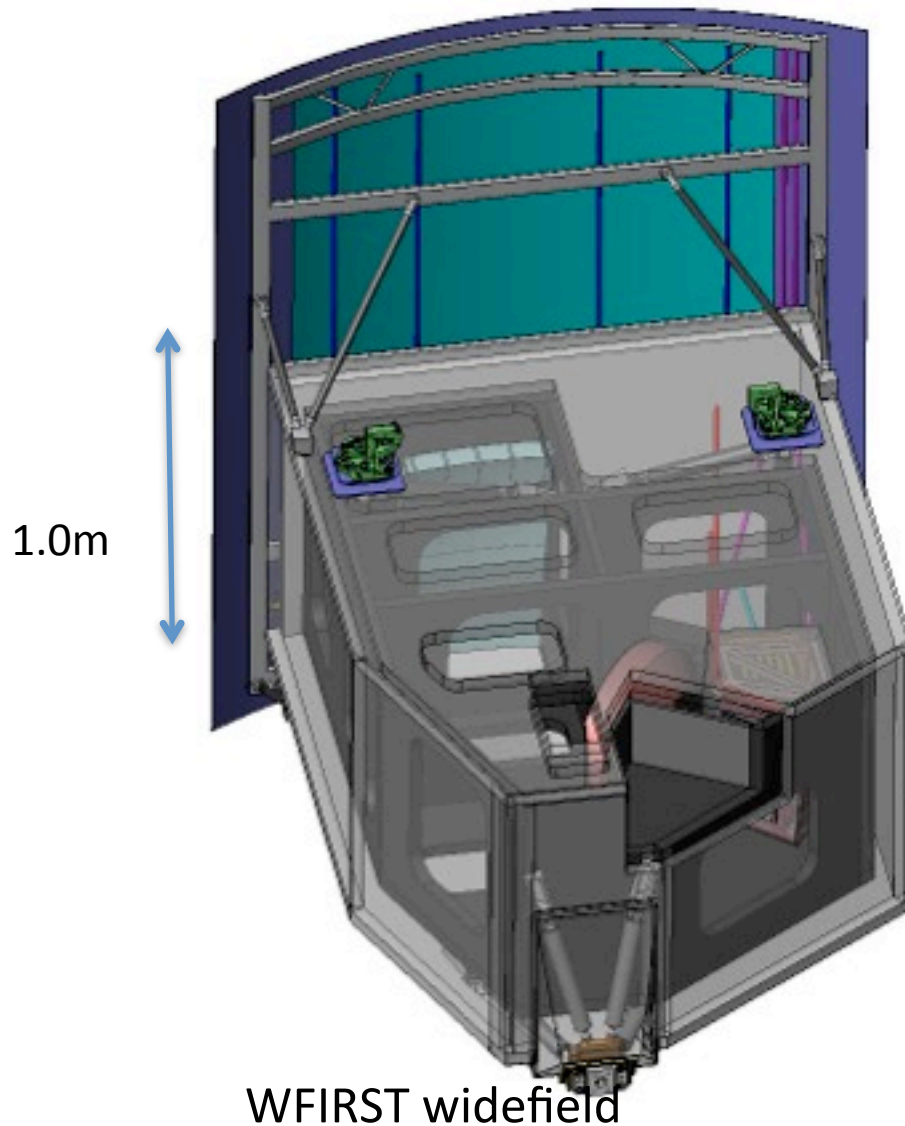
## Wide Field Instrument



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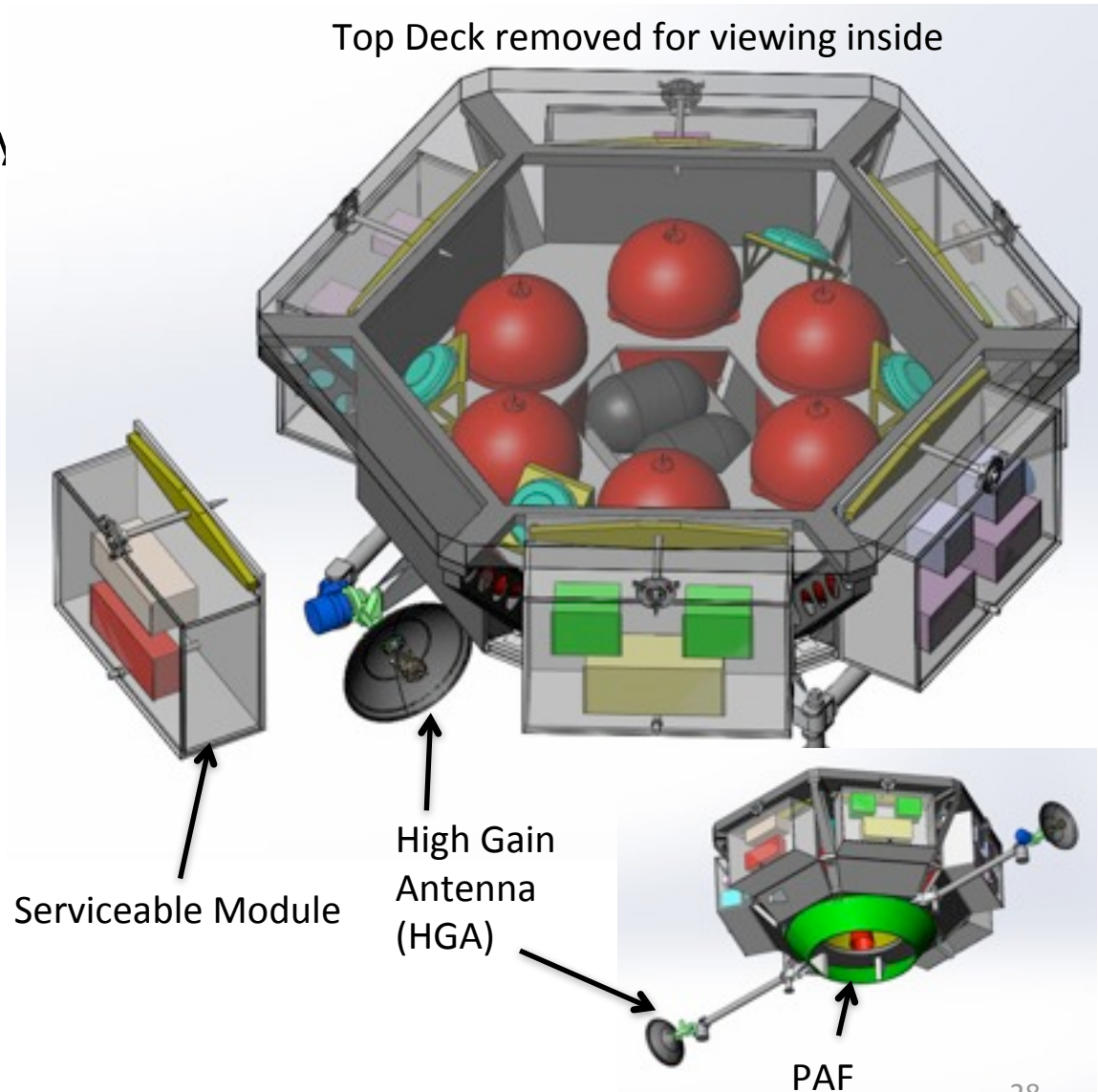
2 fold mirrors in WF channel and 3 TBR in IFC not shown

# Widefield Instrument Shares Architecture and Heritage with HST/WFC3



# Spacecraft Concept

- Spacecraft bus design relies on recent GSFC in-house spacecraft designs, primarily SDO and GPM
- 6 serviceable/removeable modules
  - Power
  - Communications
  - C&DH
  - Attitude Control
  - Telescope Electronics
  - Wide Field Electronics
- Latch design reused from Multimission Modular Spacecraft (MMS)
- 2 deployable/restowable HGAs
- AtlasV 541 Payload Attach Fitting (PAF)
- 6 propellant tanks



# Cost & Schedule

# Cost Assumptions

- Life-cycle cost developed assumes the use of an existing 2.4m aperture telescope.
- Six and one-half year development phase is assumed. Details in next chart. In the coronagraph option, the payload and observatory I&T phases are increased a total of three months.
- Five year operational phase baselined in cost. For the coronagraph option, an additional year of operations is assumed.
- Cost developed using a combination of grassroots and parametric modeling, along with historical analogous GSFC missions.
- Life-cycle costs are presented for two schedule scenarios
  - The first assumes WFIRST-AFTA is developed along an optimal funding timeline, unconstrained by budget guidelines, resulting in the lowest baseline cost to compare against previous DRM estimates. This baseline is also used to later develop the cost for other what-if funding scenarios.
  - The second schedule scenario assumes pre-phase A studies continue through FY16, with Phase A beginning in FY17.
- Costs are presented in fixed year dollars (FY13) and real year dollars, with an estimate of the total number of equivalent work years.
- Ground system costs include the build of one ground antenna, with an existing antenna used as the back-up.

# Comparison of Complexity/Risk/Cost of AFTA to Previous IR Survey DRMs (1/2)

- AFTA incorporates existing telescope - ensures optics not on critical path.
- Early delivery of AFTA telescope allows for extended testing with widefield instrument (15 months). Early testing of widefield instrument (with EDU focal plane) and telescope significantly reduces risk and simplifies instrument/payload GSE requirements.
- AFTA contains a single widefield channel, IDRM had 3 widefield channels.
- AFTA contains  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total number of science HgCdTe detectors, reducing instrument integration time *on the critical path*.
- IFU channel adds a 19<sup>th</sup> detector and electronics chain to the instrument. Additional IFU optics are small and high TRL. R75 (SNe) disperser eliminated. IFU allows simplification of spacecraft design due to decreased roll angle pointing requirement and relaxed revisit pointing requirements.
- Retained conservative 79 month development schedule, same as IDRM, in spite of all of the above simplifications.
- Operations are greatly simplified by eliminating DSN overhead and scheduling requirements. Transmitter operates under steady thermal conditions.

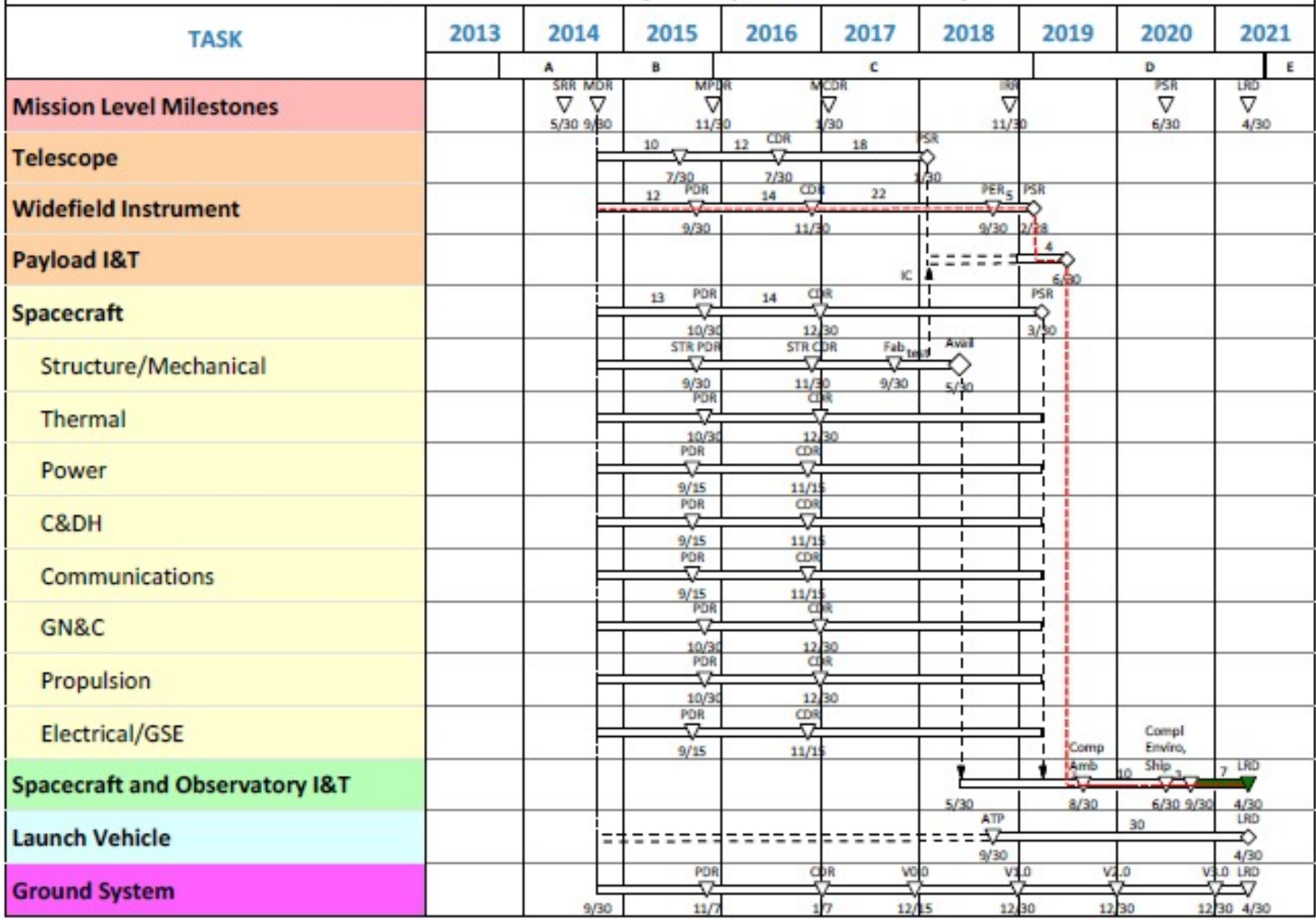


# Comparison of Complexity/Risk/Cost of AFTA to Previous IR Survey DRMs (2/2)

## Conclusion:

- *The AFTA DRM has a lower overall complexity & development risk than IDRM.*
- *The IDRM was costed at approximately 1.6B. CATE was 8% higher.*
- *While AFTA is significantly heavier, the increase in mass is primarily for propellant (to circularize) and the structure to support the large telescope. Neither of these items drive mission cost.*
- *The GSFC in-house GEO SDO spacecraft has been used as an analog for the WFIRST & JDEM DRMs for some time. It is even more appropriate as an analog now.*
- *While the size of the AFTA observatory is considerable, and the complexity of moving the observatory more challenging, similar operations with a 1.5m telescope would not have been without challenges.*
- *Summary – the savings due to the available telescope and the simplifications to the functionality of the widefield instrument should to first order offset the cost increase of larger structural mass. AFTA should be in family with previous IR survey DRM estimates.*

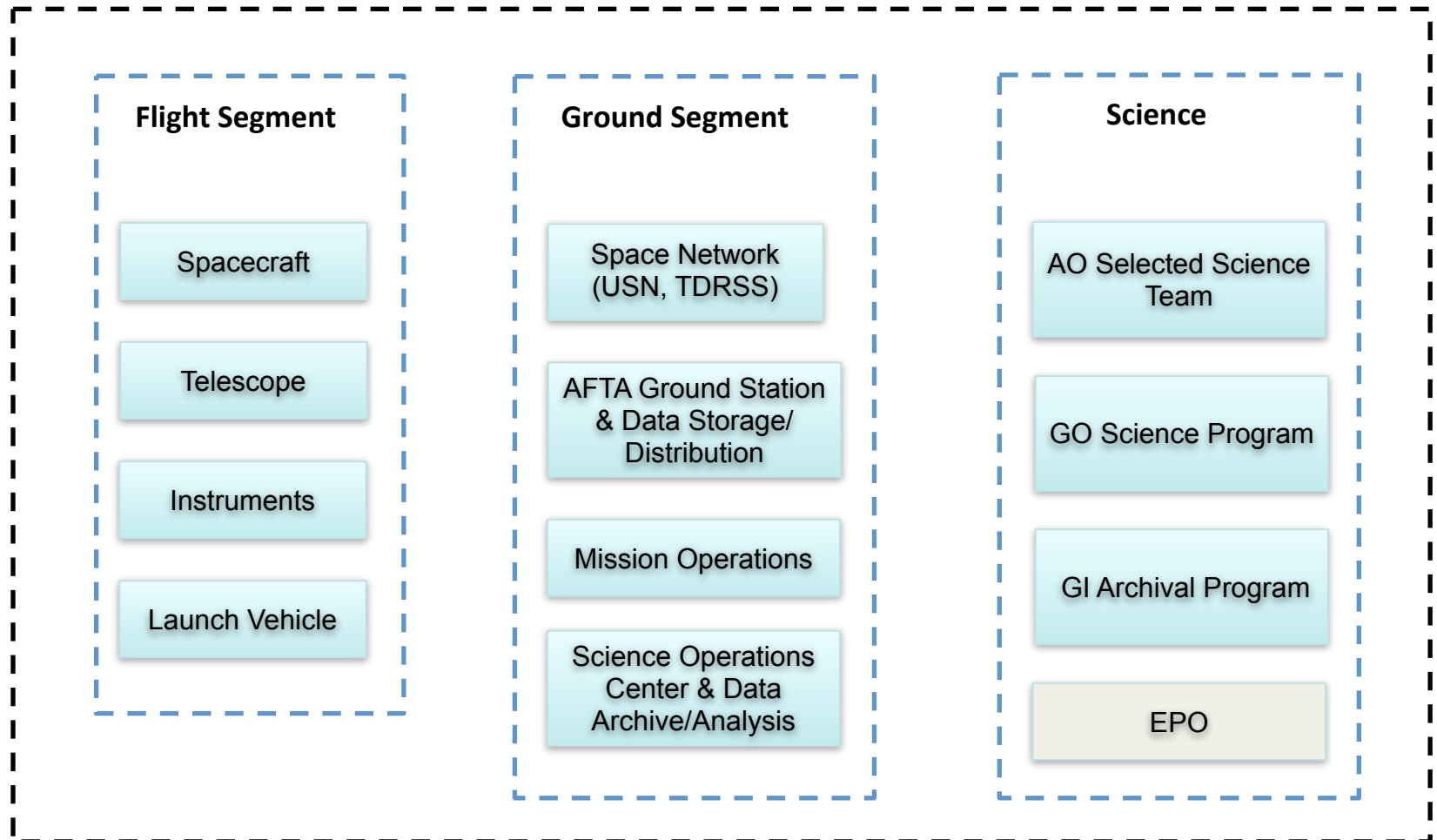
# A: WFIRST-AFTA Development (Start Phase B FY15)



Critical Path ---

# AFTA Mission Functional Elements

## AFTA System



# AFTA Life Cycle Cost Scenarios

- Two scenarios requested:

## FY15 Start of Phase B

- LRD in 2021 followed by 5 year operational phase.
- Includes 7 months of funded schedule reserve.
- Includes 30% reserve on development phase and 5% reserve for operations phase.

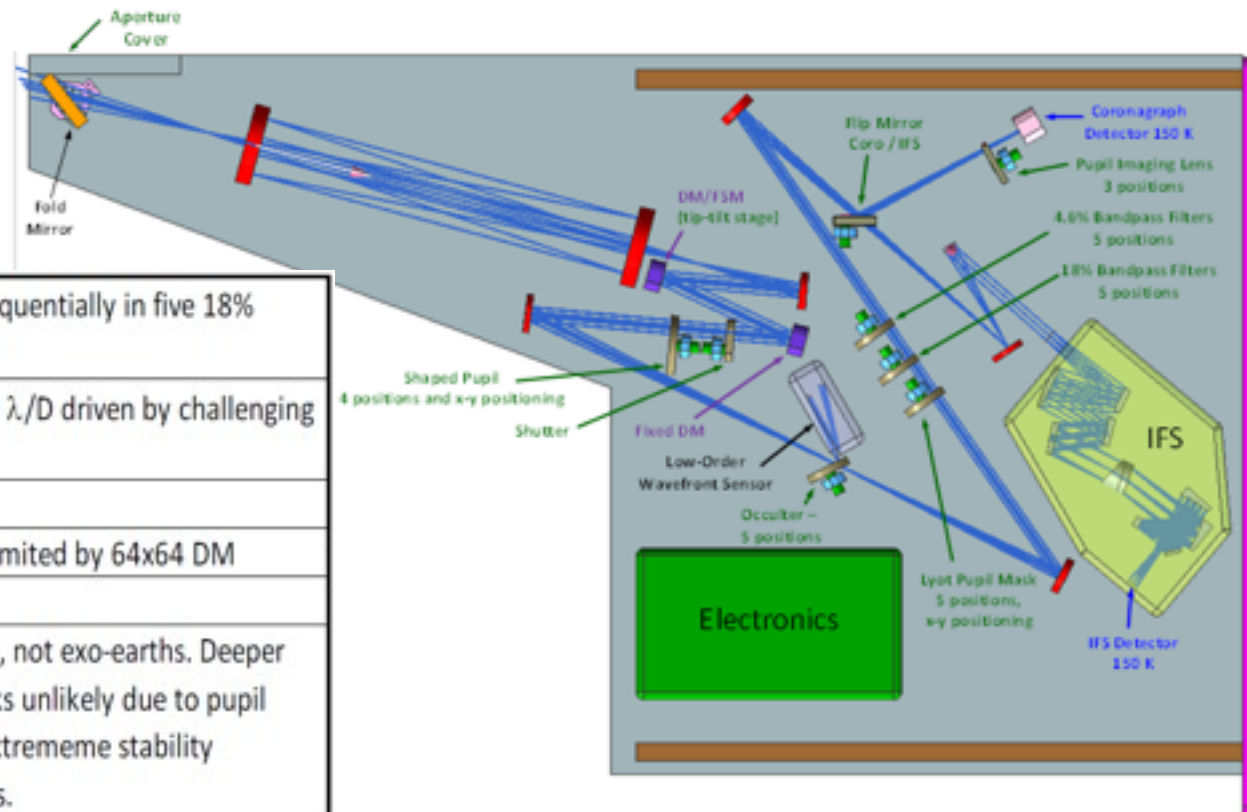
## FY18 Start of Phase B

- LRD in 2024 followed by 5 year operational phase.
- Includes 7 months of funded schedule reserve.
- Includes 30% reserve on development and 5% reserve for operations phase.

# Study Options

- Coronagraph
- Cost of Serviceability
- Optical Communications Option

# WFIRST-AFTA Coronagraph Concept



Bandpass	400-1000 nm	Measured sequentially in five 18% bands
Inner Working Angle	100 mas	at 400 nm, $3 \lambda/D$ driven by challenging pupil
	250 mas	at 1 $\mu\text{m}$
Outer Working Angle	1 arcsec	at 400 nm, limited by 64x64 DM
	2.5 arcsec	at 1 $\mu\text{m}$
Detection Limit	Contrast $=10^{-9}$	Cold Jupiters, not exo-earths. Deeper contrast looks unlikely due to pupil shape and extreme stability requirements.
Spectral Resolution	70	With IFS, $\sim 70$ across the spectrum.
IFS Spatial Sampling	17 mas	This is Nyquist for $\lambda 400 \text{ nm}$ .

- Representative coronagraph design shown for one of either a Shaped Pupil, Lyot, Vector Vortex coronagraph option for starlight suppression including polarizers.
- Design for PIAA coronagraph exists
- Future studies to narrow-down coronagraph to a single option

# AFTA WFIRST Payload Block Diagram

## Telescope

**270 K obscured 2.4m**

### Telescope:

T1: 2.4m aperture

T2: 30% linear obscuration from baffle

6 struts with realignment capability; outer barrel with recloseable doors

## Wide Field Instrument

M3

Temperature 170 K

Cold Pupil Mask

Element Wheel

8 positions  
(6 filters, GRS grism, blank)



110 mas/pix  
f/7.9

### Wide Field Science Channel

Guiding performed using guiding functions contained in the 6x3 science SCAs

Relay

Slicer assembly

Prism spectrograph

1 2kx2k, 18μm pixel size SCA;  
4 Mpix; <115K;  
0.6-2.0μm bandpass;  
FOV 3.0x3.1arcsec

75 mas/pix; f/21

### Integral Field Unit

## Coronagraph Instrument

Relay w/ DM/FSM

Fixed DM

Low order WFS

Pupil Mask & Filters

Flip mirror

Imaging Detector

1kx1k, Si low noise FPA; 150K;  
IWA 0.25/λ arcsec, λ {0.4-1.0μm}  
OWA 2.5 arcsec

IFS

IFS Detector

2kx2k, Si low noise FPA, 150K;  
0.4-1.0μm bandpass;  
R~70, 17msec sampling

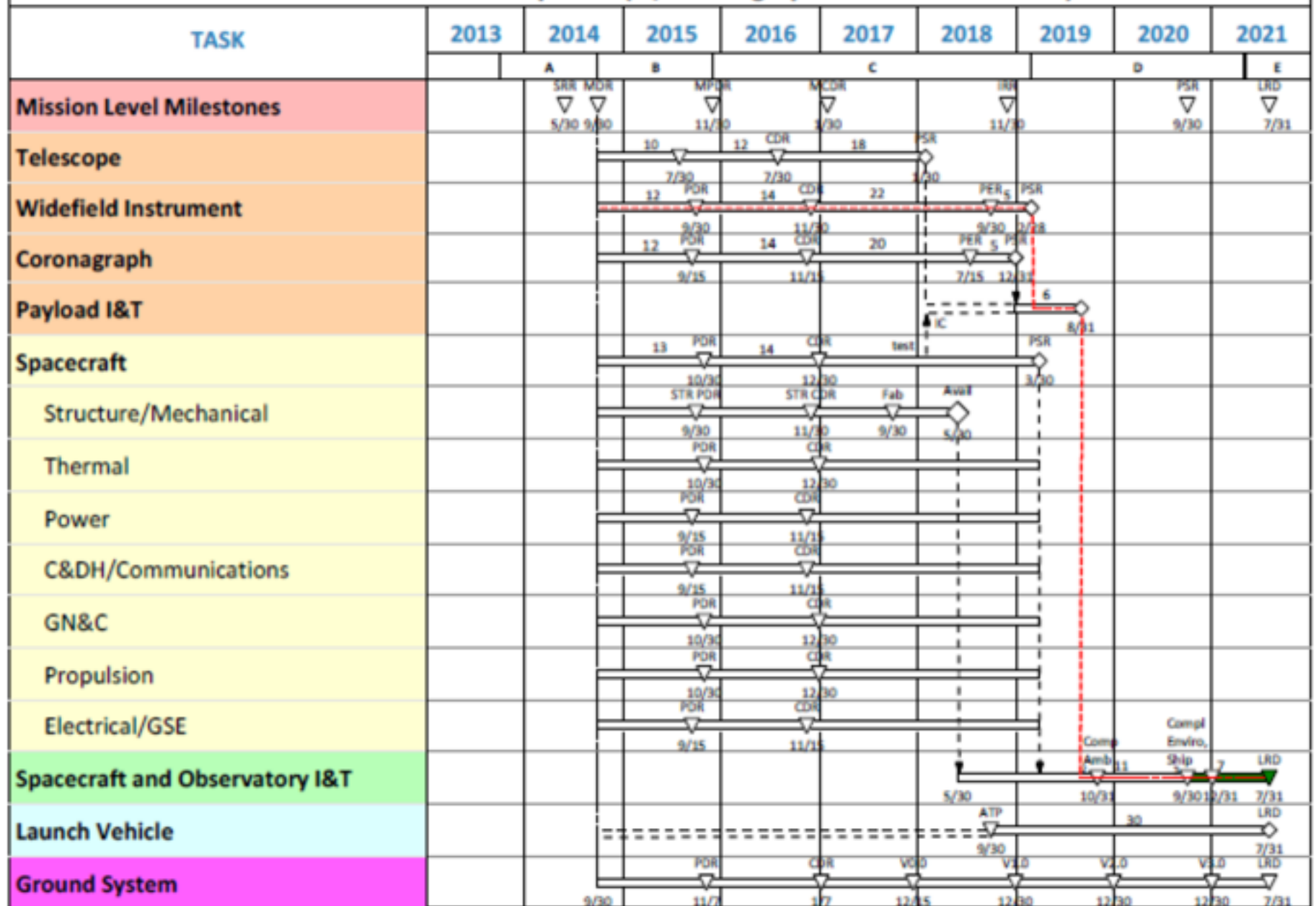
GRS = Galaxy Redshift Survey  
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DM = Deformable mirror  
FSM = Fast steering mirror  
WFS = Wavefront sensor  
IFS = Integral field spectrograph

# Observatory Performance Required by Coronagraph

- Interfaces within existing WFIRST-AFTA baseline capabilities
  - 80W power (CBE)
  - View to space for radiators
  - 29 Gbits/day (CBE)
  - Standard 1553 and SpaceWire interfaces
- Preliminary estimates for observatory stability appear achievable:
  - requires more detailed observatory design and analyses
  - If necessary, accept graceful degradation of coronagraph performance
    - 10 mas (1 sigma) jitter is within the coronagraph wavefront/tip-tilt pointing control system capability
    - mK-level telescope thermal stability to be studied through observatory active thermal management system design
    - 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  dimensional stability between telescope and coronagraph with contributions coming from instrument carrier latch for servicing and overall thermal stability.



# D: WFIRST-AFTA Development (w/Coronagraph - Start Phase B FY15)



Critical Path

# Coronagraph Costs

## Approach

- Instrument costs were estimated with 4 independent models, all in agreement:
  - NICM System, NICM Sub-System, PRICE, SEER
- Assumes additional 35% mass contingency above current best estimate.
- Science costed at additional 15% of instrument development
- Allocated additional 30% cost reserve on total
- Assumes Technology matured to TRL 6 by PDR:
  - Technology development costed separately

## Baseline Instrument Design – FY18 Start Phases B-D

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	TOTAL
FY13 Dollars (\$M)	0	0	0	9.5	33.6	38.4	38.4	10.2	7.7	0	0	0	138
Real Years Dollars (\$M)	0	0	0	11.0	40.6	48.0	49.6	13.7	10.6	0	0	0	173
FTEs	0	0	0	22.1	78.4	89.7	89.7	23.9	17.9	0	0	0	322

- ❖ Costs above are for instrument only. Additional costs for 6<sup>th</sup> year of operations, 3 months of payload/observatory I&T, and any unique coronagraph accommodations.

# WFIRST-AFTA Coronagraph Technology Development Path to TRL 6 by PDR (2018)

FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
				Phase A	Phase B	Phase C
	Basic system or subsystem prototype validated in relevant environment			System model or prototype (EDU) demonstrated in a relevant environment		
			~ \$4M			
	Number of Coronagraph options to be tested depends on funding @ ~ \$4M / coronagraph			TRL6 Demos ~ \$10 - 15M		

- Technology builds upon successful coronagraph demonstrations in the ExEP High Contrast Imaging Testbed at AFTA contrast performance of  $10^{-9}$  & >10% bandwidths
- AFTA implementation brings new challenges for centrally obscured pupil coronagraphs
- TRL 6 Tech demonstration requires AFTA-like system integration & telescope simulator
- **Mission Directed Coronagraph Technology Program must start now!**
  - FY13 activities not currently in plan. Tech development to be submitted as overguide for PY15 PPBE
  - Plan does not address how technologies will be funded: Competed TDEMs or Directed Technology

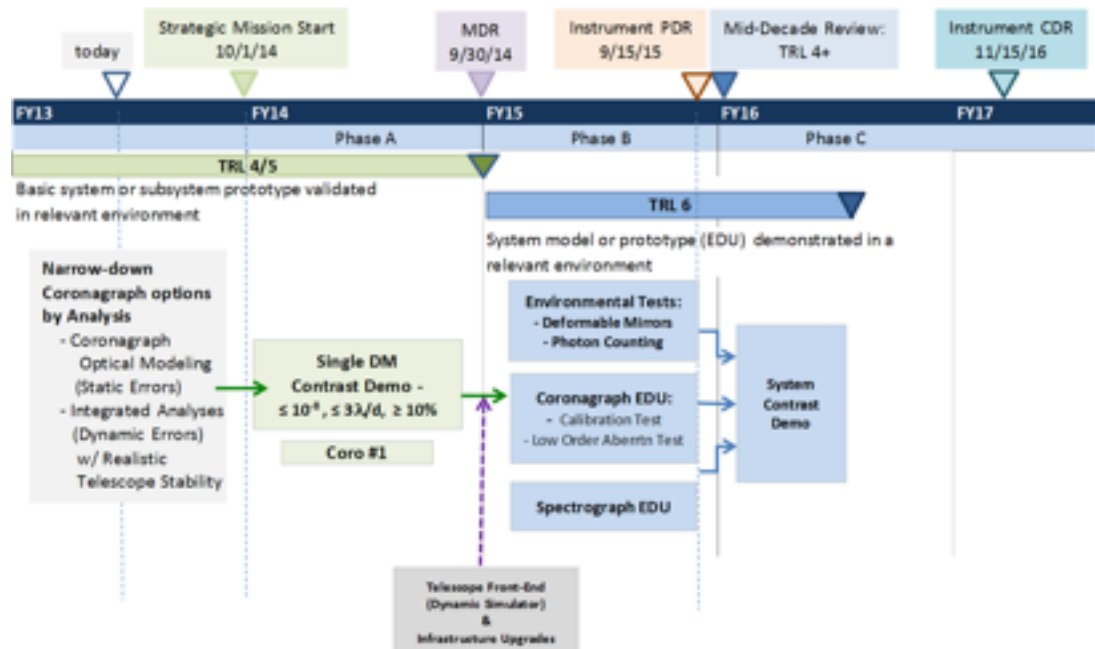
# Approach to developing AFTA Coronagraph on Accelerated Schedule (PDR 7/15)

- Treat the AFTA Coronagraph primarily as a flight technology demonstration
  - Accept technical risk & graceful performance degradation:
    - At minimum, key components technologies will be brought to TRL 9 through flight: Deformable Mirrors, Detectors, Wavefront Sensing & Control, Instrument Pointing, Modeling
  - Perform science on a best effort basis w/ acceptable contrast  $\leq 10^{-8}$  for Disk Science
- Adopt SMD Management Handbook standard #5.4.2.4 for Flight Technology Demos:
 

[http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/484498main\\_SMD%20HANDBOOK%2008-FEB-2008%20.pdf](http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/484498main_SMD%20HANDBOOK%2008-FEB-2008%20.pdf)

*Unlike science focused missions, technology demonstration missions may have technologies developed below TRL 5 during Phase B but must have all technologies at least to TRL 5 by the Phase B-to-C transition point*

- Pick a single coronagraph mask design immediately based on models & analyses
  - Fast track the contrast performance demonstration w/ single deformable mirror
  - System demonstration after PDR



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- The AFTA DRM arranges spacecraft and instrument hardware in robotically removable modules.
- In a conventional non-serviceable spacecraft, components are typically mounted on secondary structure, commonly panels.
- The change for AFTA is to make those panels readily removable. The spacecraft reference concept utilizes the attachment approach developed in the 1970's for the Multi-Mission Modular Spacecraft (MMS), and the instrument utilizes the mounting approach developed for HST in the 1980's.
  - Thus both approaches are low risk and high TRL (TRL-9).
- Spacecraft integration would proceed exactly as it would for a traditional “non-serviceable” spacecraft.
  - No unique GSE requirements.
- The estimate of the costs to incorporate serviceability included in the LCC is 18M. Based on both parametric and bottoms-up estimates.
- The cost of a servicing mission or the infrastructure to execute a servicing mission is not included in this LCC.

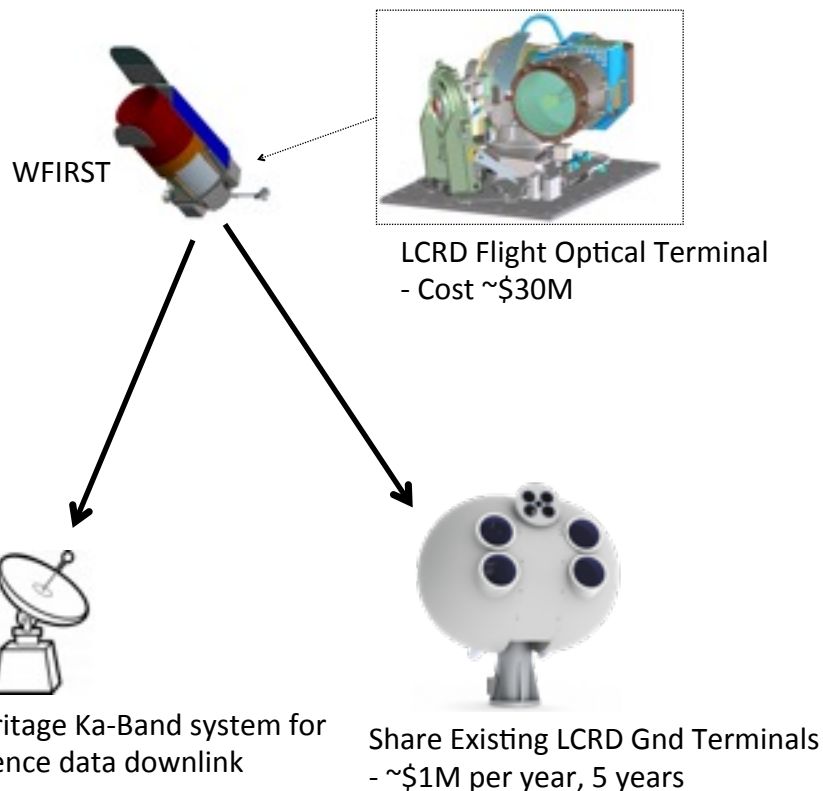
# Optical Comm Option

# AFTA Laser Comm Options

- **AFTA laser communication implementation options use existing LCRD (Laser Communication Relay Demonstration) Mission hardware design**
- Two implementation options- Technology demonstration vs primary science downlink

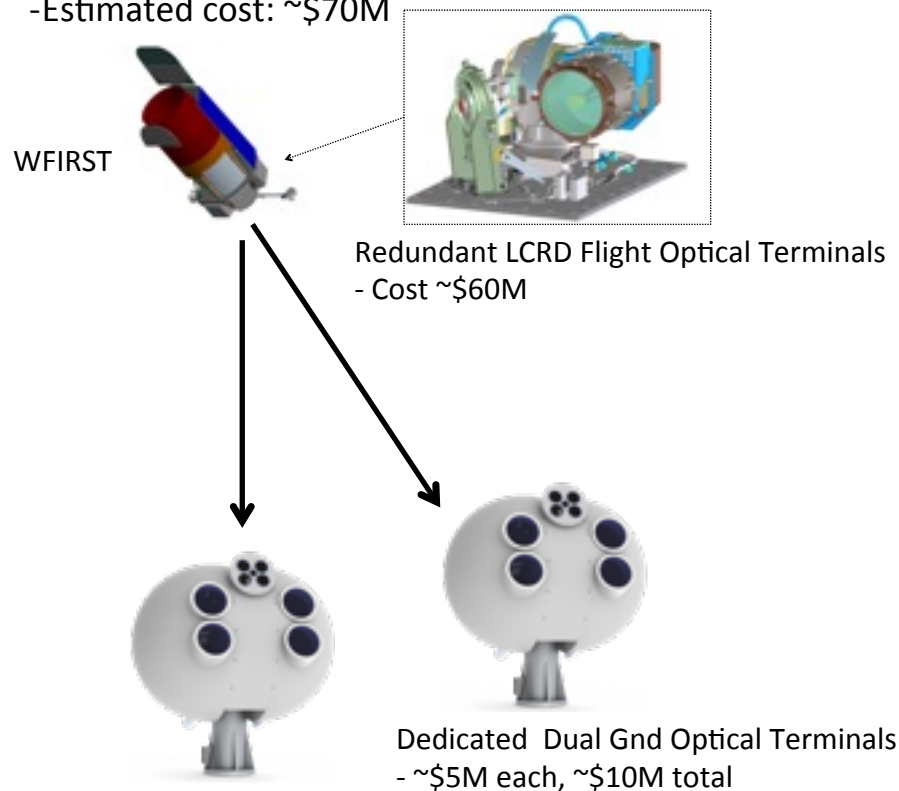
## Technology Demonstration

- Supplements existing Ka-band science downlink to demonstrate laser comm in an operational environment
- Shared existing ground stations to reduce cost
- Estimate cost: ~\$35M



## Primary Science Downlink

- Replaces RF system as sole source of science downlink, essential to science goals and mission success
- Dedicated grnd stations required for needed coverage
- Redundant system for reliability anc data coverage
- Estimated cost: ~\$70M





# Future Activities and Topics for Follow-on Study (1/2)

- Continue developing H4RG detectors; perform detailed characterization; package development detectors into a large focal plane array and perform performance tests. Most critical area for investment for minimizing overall risk of a WFIRST-2.4 mission.
- Assess the potential for pushing the wavelength cutoff for the wide-field instrument further into the red. Includes both telescope and widefield instrument.
- Determine requirements for on-orbit calibration of the widefield instrument and investigate options for internal instrument calibration.
- Optimize and refine the wide-field instrument and spacecraft designs and perform end-to-end structural/optical/thermal analyses of the observatory.
- Assessing potential for utilizing existing spacecraft hardware that is surplus from industry.
- Continue to assess launch vehicle options for potential lower cost opportunities that might become available.

# Future Activities and Topics for Follow-on Study (2/2)

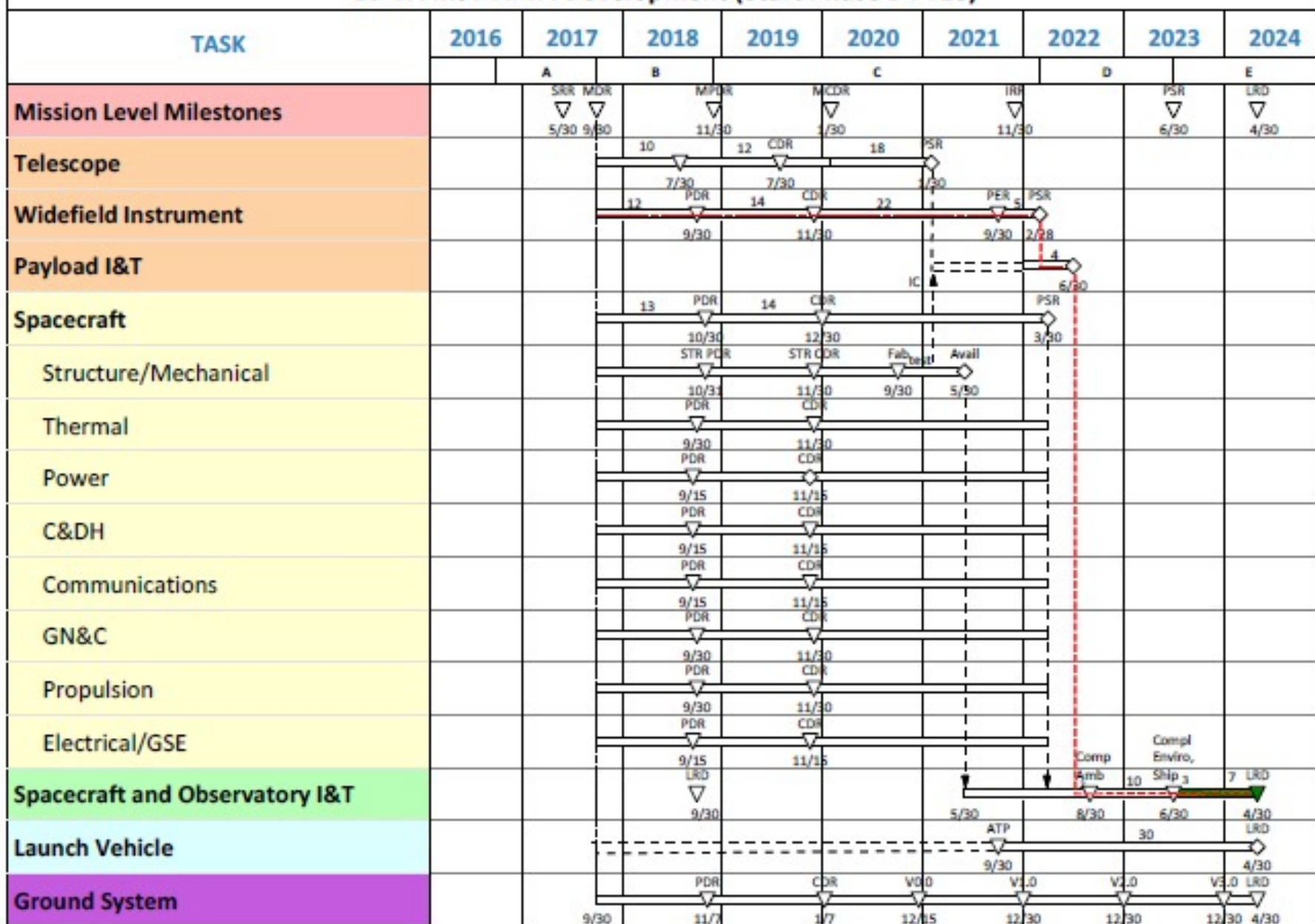
- Continue assessing coronagraph options. The requirements for coronagraphy with WFIRST-2.4m need to be refined, and a choice made of technology baseline architecture. Development work is required to improve the TRL of the coronagraph.
- Continue to refine and optimize the DRM strawman ops concept to maximize the science yield of the observing program within the mission lifetime.
- Continue refining the microlensing technique and studying the expected performance. Observational and theoretical/modeling studies are needed of event rates.
- Model the performance of the grism survey. The modeling work will aid in determining the resolution requirement, and effects of source confusion and cosmic rays.
- Study joint LSST & WFIRST science. Study the science that can be done by combining the LSST and WFIRST data sets. Develop briefing materials to inform the broader scientific community.

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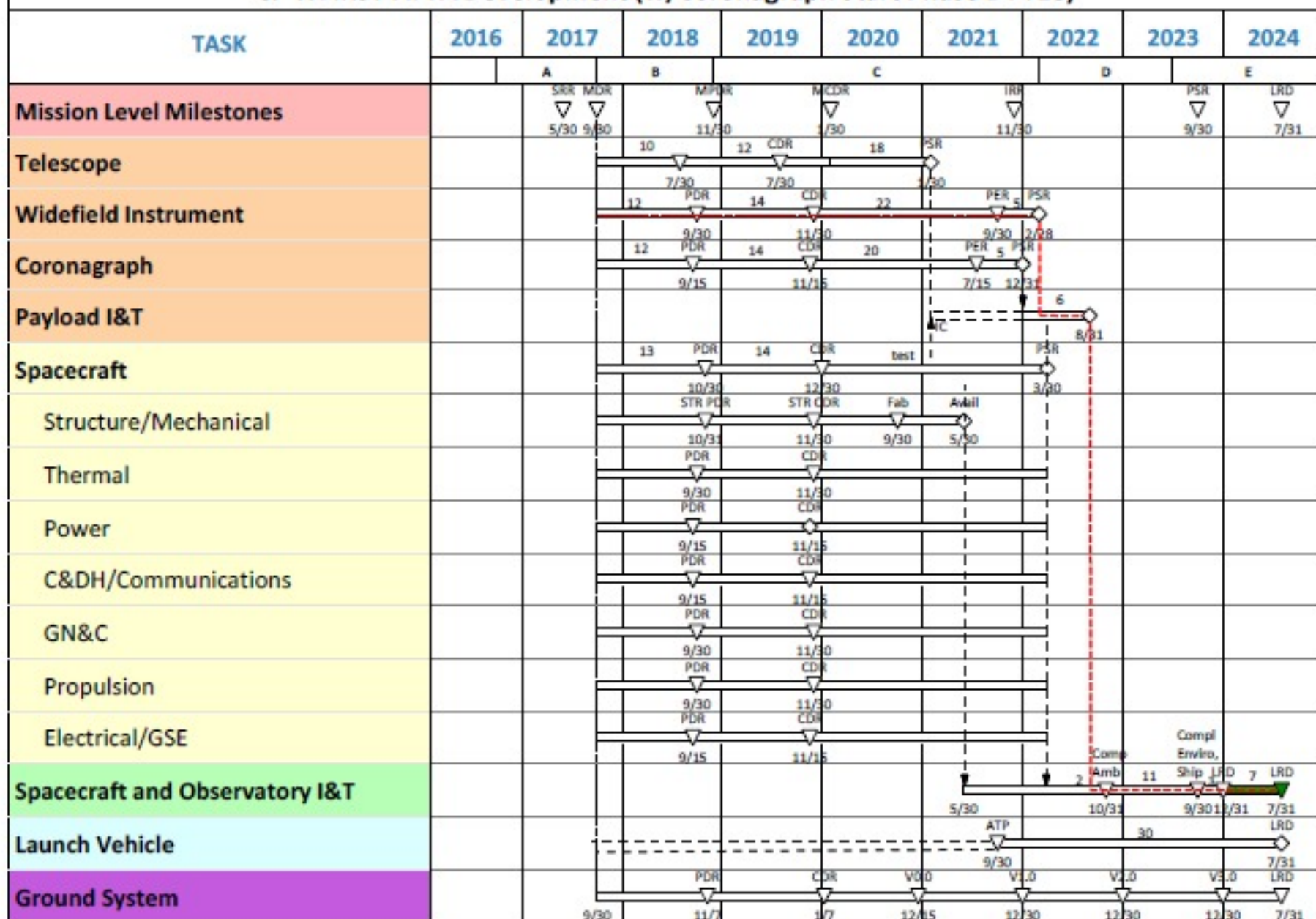
# Back-up

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Critical Path - - - - -

# C: WFIRST-AFTA Development (w/Coronagraph Start Phase B FY18)



Critical Path -----

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“Discover how the universe works, explore how it began and evolved, and search for Earth-like planets”

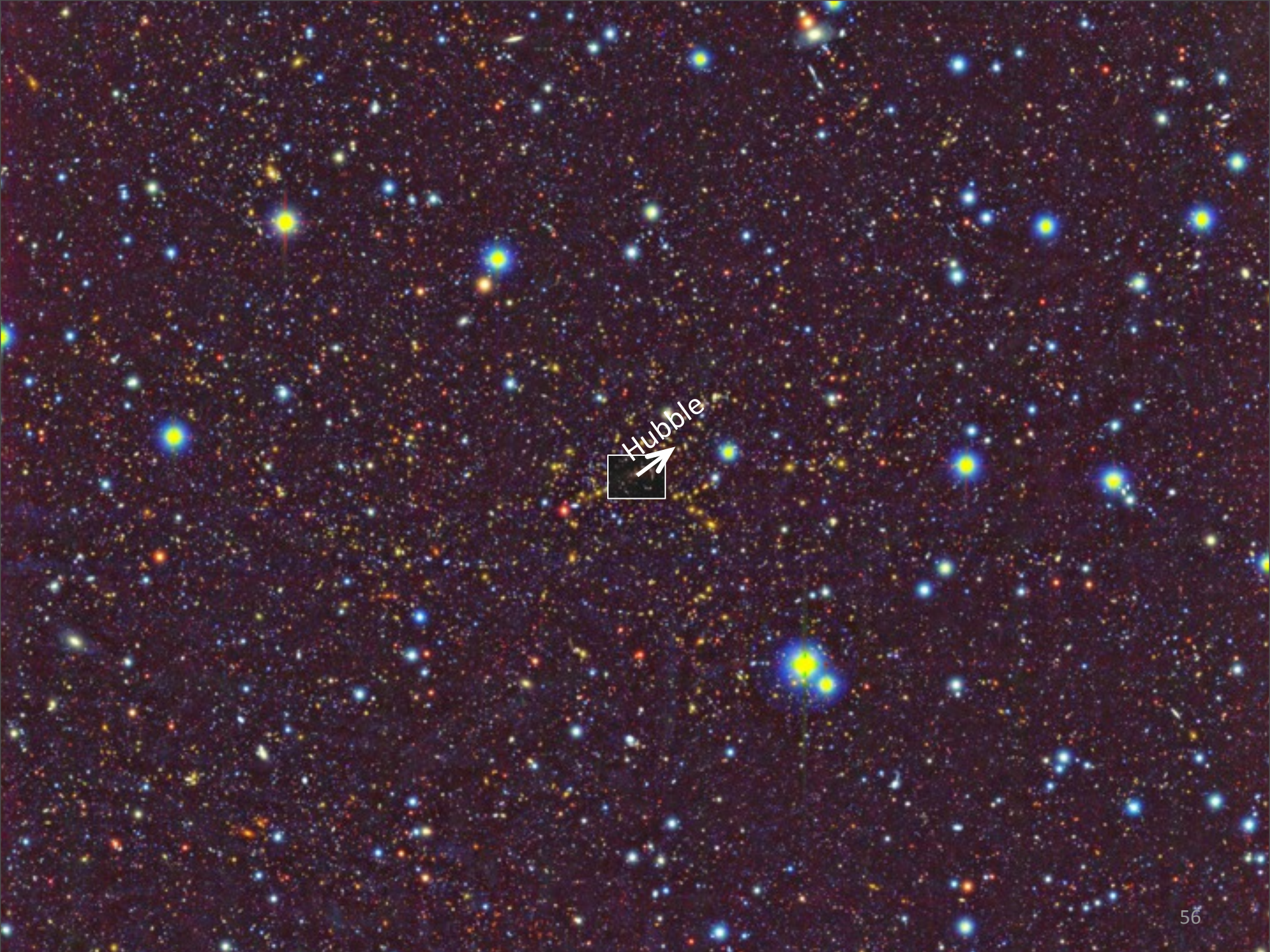
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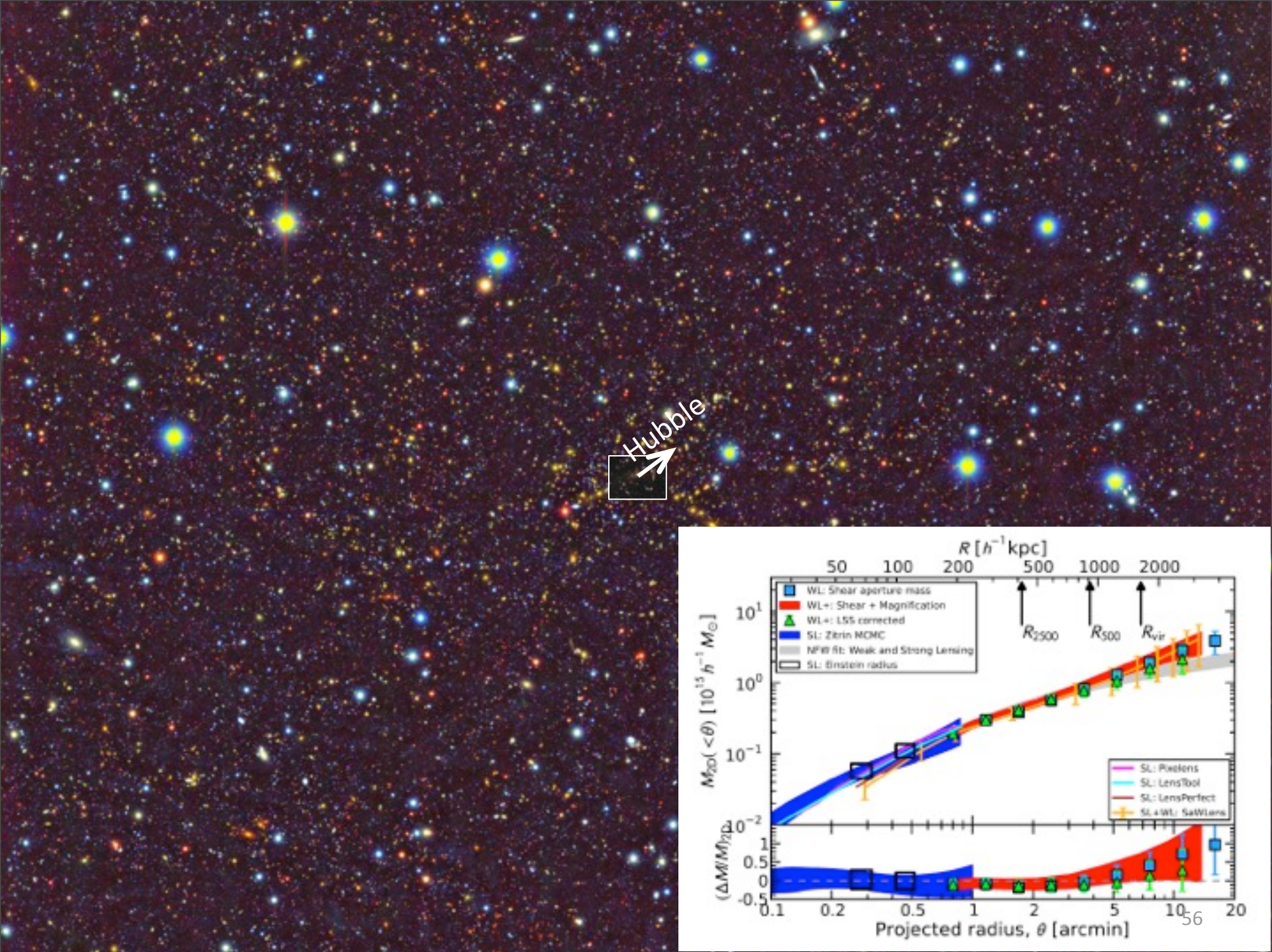
- Dark energy
  - \* Accelerating expansion of the universe
  - \* Growth of structure
- Exoplanet microlensing
- Exoplanet coronagraphy (optional)
- Galactic and extragalactic astronomy
- Guest Investigator & Observer program



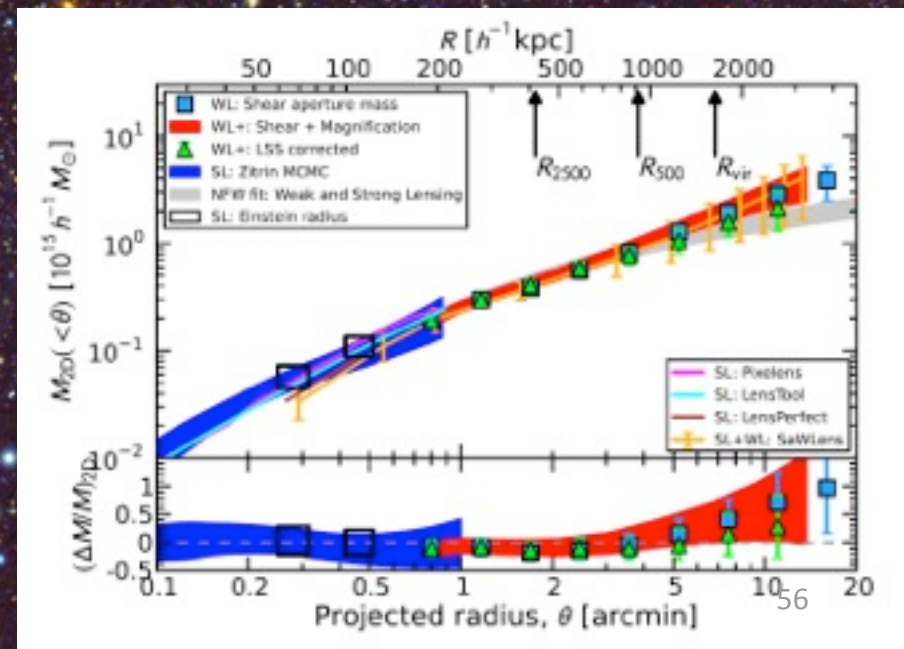
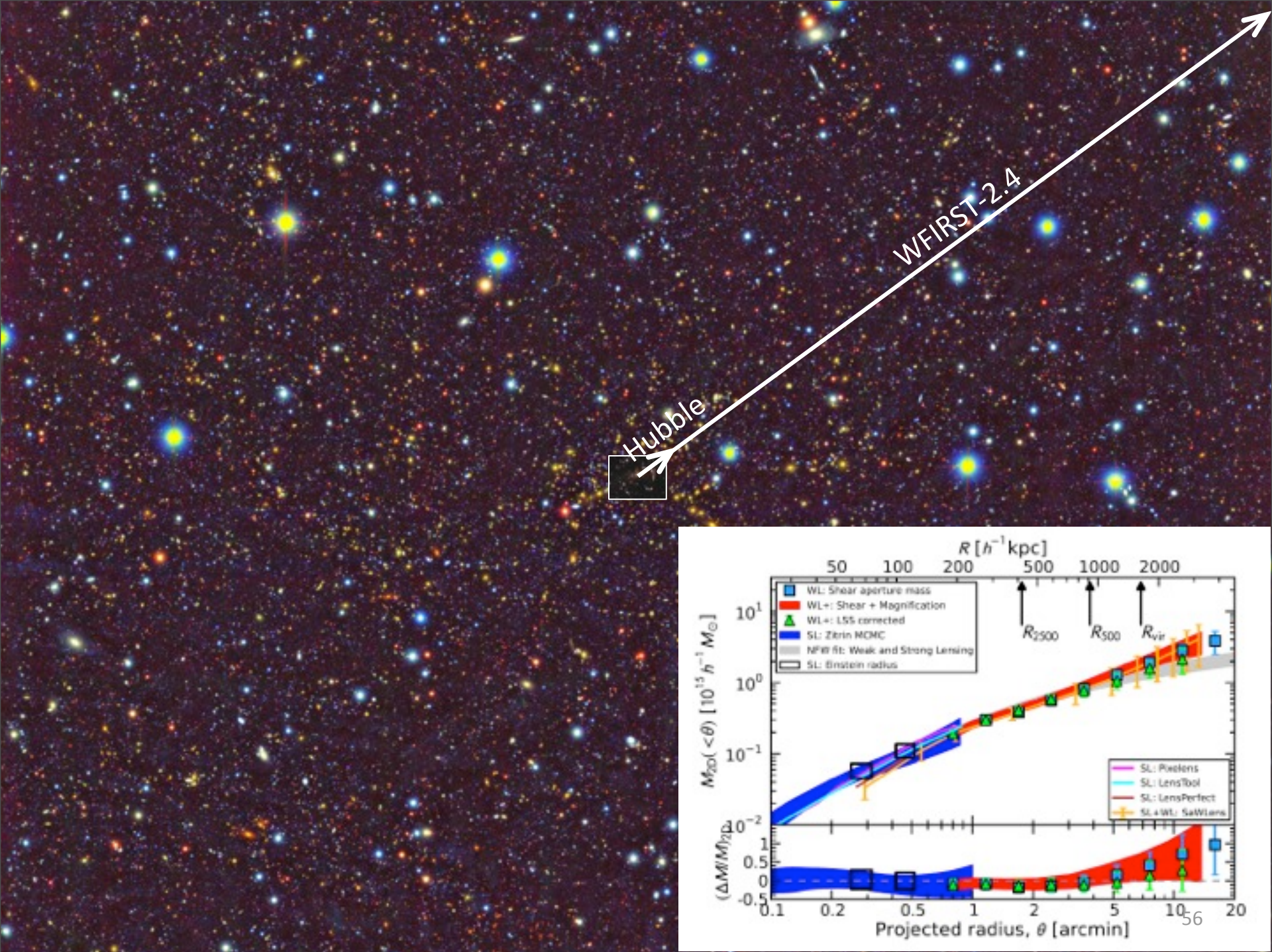




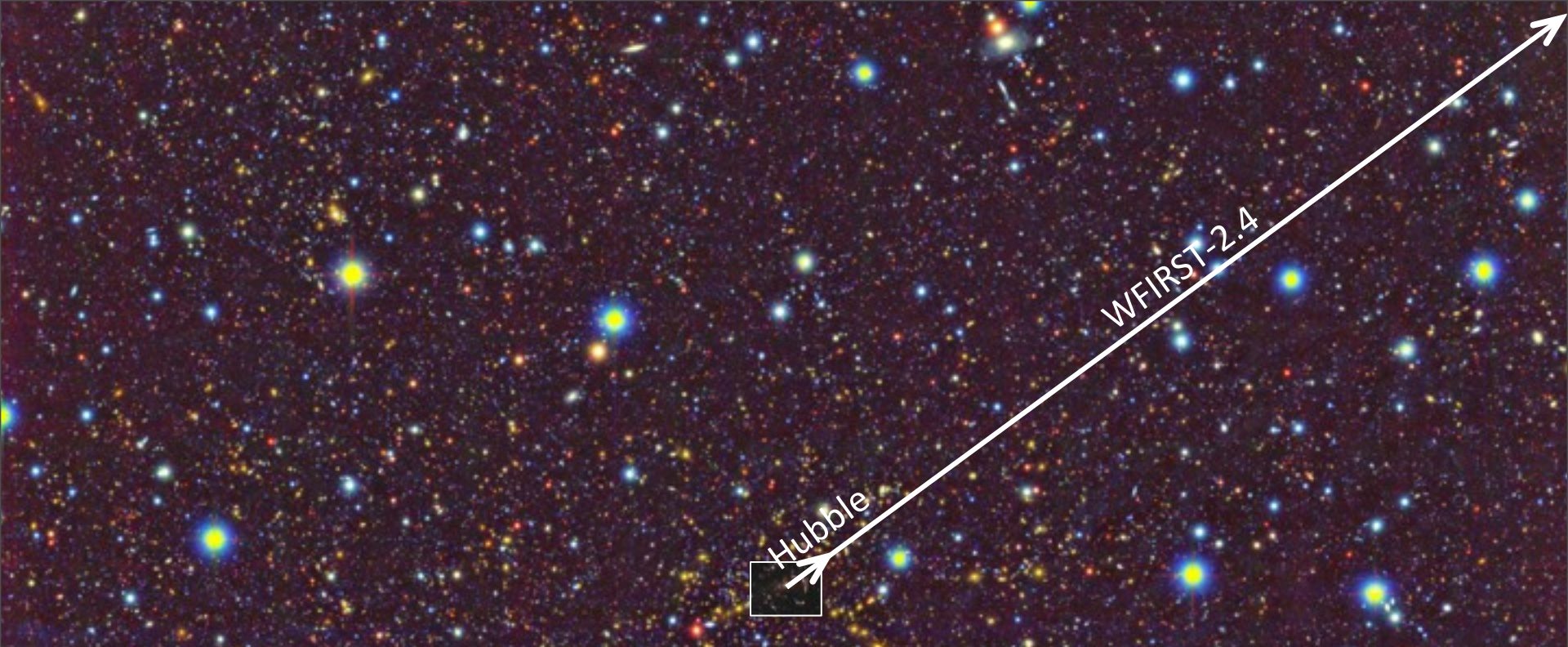






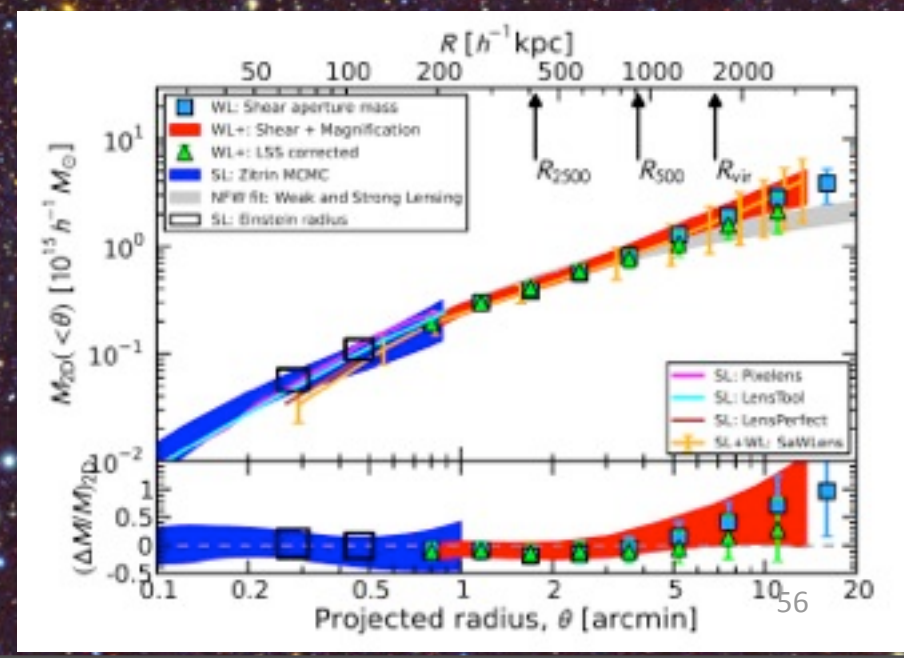






### WFIRST-2.4 vs Subaru

- 30% larger field of view than SuprimeCam
- 5x greater depth in 1/3 time
- 10x image sharpness
- unprecedented maps of dark matter



# Evolution of WFIRST Concepts to AFTA

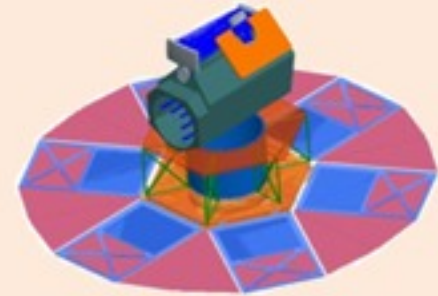
## ❑ DRM1

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- 150 Mpixels,  $0.4 \text{ deg}^2$
- 5 year mission (15% GO time)



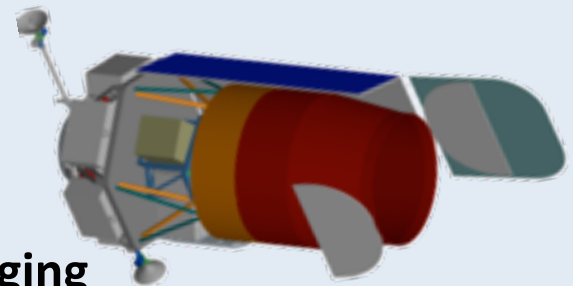
## ❑ DRM2

- 1.1 meter off-axis telescope
- 234 Mpixels,  $0.6 \text{ deg}^2$
- 3 year mission (15% GO time)



## ❑ 2.4m AFTA

- 2.4 meter on-axis telescope
- 288 Mpixels,  $0.3 \text{ deg}^2$
- Additional IFU for SN slit spectroscopy
- Additional coronagraph for exoplanet imaging
- 5 year mission (25% GO time)



# Detector Layout on Sky

18 NIR detectors  
0.11 arcsec/pixel    0.28 deg<sup>2</sup>

Each square is a H4RG-10  
4k x 4k, 10 micron pitch  
288 Mpixels total

Slitless spectroscopy with grism in filter wheel  
 $R_\theta \sim 100 \text{ arcsec/micron}$



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## WFIRST-AFTA Telescope Study Schedule 4/6/13

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Science Definition Team										
Key Milestones										
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Develop Science Observing Strategies										
Science Performance Assessments										
Mission Systems Analyses										
Optical & Mech I/F Definition & Analyses										
Radiation Assess, I/V Perf, del to V assess										
Orbit Analyses/Fuel Budgets/ACS Analyses										
Thermal Analyses/Comm Downlink Budgets										
Observatory Design Concept Dev										
Spacecraft/Instrument Carrier										
Widefield Instrument										
Coronagraph (JPL)										
Telescope (JPL)										
Cost & Schedule										
RESTORE Servicing Tasks (408)										
Develop Servicing Scenarios										
Dev 3-d Virtual Reality Sim										
Design & Fab Mech S/C & P/L Simulator										

# AFTA can survey both deep and wide!

If early results suggest intriguing new insights into dark energy, AFTA is capable of doing even more dark energy science in extended operations by increasing sky coverage.